

Reporting committee **RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

SAIL NUMBERS

PROPOSAL

Add a new paragraph to ORC Rule 206.5 regarding sail numbers and national identification:

"Boats shall carry sail numbers complying with RRS G1.2 and G1.3. The Race Committee may exempt boats from this requirement."

RATIONALE

Rule RRS 77 requires boats to comply with the requirements of Appendix G governing class insignia, national letters, and sail numbers. However, the ORC Rating System is not a World Sailing Class as meant in RRS Appendix G1.1; therefore, RRS G1.1 does not apply, but RRS G2 applies instead.

Currently, the 2026 ORC Rating System rules do not address requirements for sail numbers and identification. Consequently, if the Notice of Race does not separately require sail numbering, boats may enter and race without any sail numbers.

This complicates the work of the Race Committee and makes it difficult for other competitors to identify boats while racing.

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