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CRUISER DIVISION

PROPOSAL

The current ORC regulations strictly categorize boats into two main divisions: Cruiser/Racer and Performance. While this structure serves dedicated racing programs well, it does not fully accommodate a substantial and growing segment of the sailing community: pure cruising yachts and charter boats.

To boost regatta participation and expand the sport, it is vital to bring these recreational sailors into the game. True cruising boats and charter fleets represent a high volume of potential entries, but owners are often discouraged from competing because they feel penalized when grouped with highly optimized Cruiser/Racers.

Therefore, we propose amending the current regulations to introduce a third, distinct "Cruiser" division alongside the existing Performance and Cruiser/Racer categories. This dedicated division would feature tailored regulations and VPP calculations specifically optimized for standard, non-modified cruising and charter yachts.

RATIONALE

To lower the barrier to entry for recreational and charter sailors, significantly increase overall fleet sizes at local and national events, and foster a more inclusive racing environment without compromising the competitiveness of the existing divisions.