



Summary of the changes to the ORC Rules and Regulations as approved at the ORC Annual General Meeting 2025

VPP – Velocity Prediction Program

- Residuary resistance model update following the study on XR-41.
- New rating assessment of different rig and sails controls with or without use of non-manual power.

IMS – International Measurement System

- **Rule F8.1(a)** is modified clarifying that permanently attached fittings and devices that cannot be removed from the mast shall be included in mast weight.
- **Rules F9.2, F9.3, F9.4, F9.5, F9.6, F9.7 and F9.12** are modified simplifying the way how different rig controls are recorded with or without use of the non-manual power.
- New **rule G6.6** is adding spinnaker retriever system to the items to be recorded as a part of new rating assessment for different sail controls.
- New **rule G8.3** clarifies that trysail, storm jib and heavy weather jib shall be measured according to the WS Offshore Special Regulations.
- New **rule G9** defines which sail controls shall be recorded when used with non-manual power.

ORC Rating Systems

- **Introduction** is modified to clarify that boat ratings are a matrix of time allowances for different wind speeds and wind angles from which various scoring options are derived adapting the scoring to the course conditions.
- Age Allowance is modified in **rule 103.1** extending the maximum to be applied up to 20 years from Age or Series Date, whichever is earlier.
- New **rule 103.3** defines rating assessments for different rig and sail controls with or without use of the non-manual power.
- New **rule 104.2** prohibit use of movable hull interceptors.
- **Rule 204(b)** is modified by allowing non-manual power to be used for adjusting rigs and sails with any of items recorded as “NMP” as defined in IMS Rules F9 and G9.
- **Rule 304.1(c)(iii)** is modified by removing declaration of use of non-manual power for adjusting the base of the mast since this is now defined in the new rating assessment of different rig and sail controls with or without use of non-manual power.
- **Rule 304.2** is modified by requiring a new flotation and stability measurement for boats that change ownership when the flotation date is older than 10 years at the time of the ownership change.
- **Rule 306** is deleted.

- **Rule 402.8** is modified by moving the lower limit of “Scoring wind” from 6 kts to 4 kts when the “Scoring Wind” point falls outside of 4-24 knots of wind.

Green Book

- A requirement to achieve at least Clean Regattas bronze level certification by Sailors of the Sea is added to the list of documents that needs to be presented with the bid to host an ORC Championship.
- The Standard Notice of Race and Standard Sailing Instructions templates are updated with the usual housekeeping changes based on experience from 2025 championship events.