RacingRulesOfSailing.org

A rules resource and regatta management tool for competitors, judges and race officials.

Background

- Started in 2014

- Currently has about 5000 race officials registered from around the world

- Generates about 100,000 page views a month

- Translated into eight languages, a few more in development

- GDPR and COPPA compliant. Meets the security requirements around the world.

Components

There are currently three components

- Rules
- Forums
- Toolbox

Components - Rules

- Rules Section
  - Rules, definitions, cases/calls integrated into one place.
  - Full versions of Match, Team and Kiteboard rules (not just appendices)
  - Prescriptions and appeals are included for several MNAs
  - Each user is able to add unique notes (visible only to them).
  - Links to the rules from the previous quad (2013 & 2017) integrated into the current rules for comparison.

- The Rules Section is maintained by the community through volunteer efforts of race officials.

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Components - Forums

- Various forums for different subjects
  - General rules forum for most discussion and competitor questions
  - Rule 18 forum for the most discussed rule
  - Rule 2 and 69 forum for the most contentious
  - NOR/SI content sharing forum
  - Regatta management forum for issues around using RRS.org
- The forums serve as a repository of information concerning rules issues and many judges use it to solve rules issues during protests
- The forums also identify problems in the current rules

Components - Toolbox

- The toolbox is a set of tools to assist officials with the shore-side issues of a regatta.
  - Notice Board
  - Protest Hearings
  - Scoring Inquiries
  - Equipment and Crew Substitutions
  - Questions for the Jury
  - Penalty Reports
  - On-the-Water Penalties
  - Starting Penalties

- The goal of the application is to provide a communication channel between officials and competitors
  - Posting on a physical board is not always functional and the competitors expect more
  - Posting on the web is necessary, but not very useful
  - The toolbox communicates with competitors with email, text message, WhatsApp and mobile devices

Components – Toolbox Cont'd

- The toolbox communicates by email, text messages, WhatsApp and/or mobile:
  - The competitors are sent a message when the protest time limit is posted or an official posts an announcement.
  - The PRO is sent an email/text when a competitor submits a Scoring Inquiry. The PRO can actually review the requests and respond while still on the water.
  - The measurer is sent a text/email when an equipment substitution is submitted and can respond electronically.
  - The protestor, protestee and judges are sent an email/text when a protest is filed, a hearing scheduled or a decision filed.
  - The scorer is sent an email/text when a scoring change has been generated. The toolbox provides a panel for all the scoring changes no matter how they are generated - they all appear in one place.

Security

- RRS.org is hosted on a secure service (https)

- Data is secure and only available to officials at the relevant event

- RRS.org meets all the requirements of COPPA and GDPR.

- Competitor data is not used for anything other than for purposes of the event. It is not sold or used for advertising.

- The toolbox section is excluded from Google search, so nothing in the toolbox will appear in their results.

- Users are required to use real names and contact information, and the contact information is confirmed.