

## **Reasons for suggesting the adoption of the IRSA Sail Identification Marks Rules:**

### **History**

Previously, the M, 10R and A Class rules had a simple line in Section C requiring the sail identification marks to comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing. RRS Appendix E8 is the relevant rule for sail markings.

The IRSA Classes (M, 10R and A Class) have already amended their Class Rules by replacing that line with:

“Sail identification marks shall comply with the IRSA Sail Identification Marks Rules.”

### **Why was this change made for Ms, 10Rs and A Class?**

The current text in App. E8 dealing with identification on sails has several problems:

- It is not clear that numbers on headsails are required.
- It is not clear whether or not the sail number consists of two digits only in cases when a DNM allotted owner personal number consists of three digits (as in some countries).
- The text of the rule (App. E8) needs to be made easier to read, understand and apply for sailmakers, owners and others who need to place numbers, letters and class insignia onto sails. It is currently quite complex.
- Small sails present particular difficulties when additional prefixes (other than a “1”) are required to be added for identification using the provisions in App E8. The new rules provide more generous exceptions when faced with this problem.

### **Where to for the IOM Class?**

Several attempts to amend Appendix E at the regular World Sailing four yearly rules review have been unsuccessful. The 2021-2024 rules continue to contain the aforementioned problems.

The new IRSA Sail Identification Marks Rules have been written to simplify the rule, make it easier to understand and more practical in its application.

IOM ICA Executive Committee have agreed that the changes contained in the IRSA Sail Identification Marks Rules are beneficial to the IOM Class, and a reference to them should be included in the Class Rules, which takes precedence over the provisions contained in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

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