Minutes of the Equipment Committee meeting, October 25th and 26th 2020:

EQ Agenda item 5(a):

RS21 class application: The Committee noted that the class is actively sailing and has wider distribution than the regulatory requirements, however the Equipment Rules Sub-Committee (EQRSC) in its review of the class rules considered that some definitions were in conflict with the ERS and gave the opinion that the current class rules are not satisfactory, and that the application should be deferred. The Committee debated whether the recommendation should be to approve pending an update to the class rules or whether the recommendation should be to defer. Bill Abbott put a motion seconded by Barry Johnson to defer the application.

The Committee voted 11 in favour of the deferral, one to reject the deferral and one abstention. The recommendation to Council was to defer the application.

Minutes of the Equipment Rules Sub-committee meeting, 21st October 2020:

ERSC Agenda item 6(e):

RS21: It was commented that these boats are also used for league format sailing in provided fleets, association of the hull number to the sail number might therefore not be applicable. The sail number drawings and position also differs from the ERS/RRS requirements as well as Regulation 20. B.3.1. describes a ‘variation’ of the ERS, the opinion is that class rules should just ‘detail’ different procedures. The class rule definitions of Modification, Maintenance and Repair are not considering the new ERS definitions. An own definition of ‘boat’ is defined, but not consistently used through the rules, so there is a mix of ERS and own definition used. The approval of class rule changes and the authority of the class was questioned. References to non-existent annexes are given in the class rules. The general opinion was that the class rules are not considering the current use of the boat in league sailing formats. It was recommended to defer this application.