World Sailing Race Officials Administration

Regulation 31

A submission from the International 470 Class Association, International 420 Class Association and the International Platu 25 Class Association, and the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this submission is to avoid age discrimination by deleting the current difference between race official applicants who are above and below seventy years of age.

Proposal

31.4 The term of appointment for a World Sailing Race Official shall begin on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee and shall last until 31 December four years later. The duration shall be:

(a) four years if the applicant is less than seventy years old on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee; or

(b) two years if the applicant is seventy years old or older on the date of appointment by the Race Officials Committee.

The actual date that an appointment ends on shall be 31 December in the relevant year.

... 31.6 If the Race Officials Committee defers consideration of an application, the four or two year term (as appropriate) shall be calculated with reference to the date of the Race Officials Committee meeting at which the application was first considered.

... 31.12.3 An examination pass may only be used once to qualify, except that it may be used to qualify for two consecutive two-year terms.

... 31.15 If a candidate for re-appointment does not meet all the requirements for re-appointment due to medical or other special circumstances, the Race Officials Committee may:

(a) re-appoint the candidate for a full four or two year term (as appropriate); or

(b) extend the existing appointment for 12 months.

Current Position

As above.
Reasons

1. In the current Regulations, applicants above and below seventy are treated differently, as appointments for those under seventy are for four years, while it is only two years for those above seventy.

2. There is no objective reason for this difference, and it may be considered as age discrimination.

3. This submission removes the different treatment of race officials above and below seventy years of age.

4. If this submission is approved, Race Officials Committee will make consequential changes in the document, mentioned in Regulation 31.7(a), that describes the general and discipline-specific qualifications for appointment as a World Sailing Race Official.