

MOCRA 2006 RATING RULE

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Contact details for rating applications, measuring and other changes can be found on page 19 of this yearbook.

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Part 1 RULE POLICY

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The aim of the rule is to provide a simple equitable handicap racing using time correction factors across a broad range of multihull boat types with accommodation required under Rule 22.

2.0 Fundamental Policy, Language and Rule Definitions

2.1 The spirit of the rule requires that owners and designers shall not seek means of artificially reducing a boat's rating, e.g. increasing her performance without a corresponding increase in rating.

2.2 Any reference to the Racing Rules (RRS) is defined as the current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). Reference to the Equipment Rules refers to the current version of the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing which incorporate the Sail Measurement Rules. Reference to Special Regulations is defined as the current version of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations

2.3 The language of the Rule shall be English. The meaning of any word shall be by reference to the Oxford English Dictionary in the context in which it appears. The words 'shall' and 'must' are mandatory, the words 'may' and 'can' are permissive. The word 'should' is advisory.

2.3 The Rule will be an open published Rule.

2.4 Ratings may rely on owner submitted data (but see Rule 8.4). Some or all of the dimensions of class production boats may be standardised.

2.5 Boats may be required to be weighed at the discretion of the MOCRA Racing Committee.

2.5 The Rule provides ratings for a broad range of multihulls. Any exploitation of the inherent simplicity of the Rule will be discouraged. The Rule makers therefore reserve the right to make adjustments or amendments at any time in order to prevent undesirable or unforeseen lines of development.

3.0 Important Notice

3.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

The ultimate decision on whether or not to race remains the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or his representative.

3.2 Neither the establishment of these Rules, their use by race organisers, nor the inspection of the boat under these Rules in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. He shall recognise his obligation to bring this notice to the attention of any third party who he involves or seeks to involve in any way in these Rules.

3.3 Boat ratings are calculated in good faith from the data available. MOCRA cannot accept any liability for error or for changes in the Rule which the owner/competitor considers to have disadvantaged or adversely affected his boat, or conversely to have advantaged any boat of another owner/competitor.

Part 2 GENERAL INFORMATION

4.0 Administration

4.1 The Rule is a system of measurement in order to classify boats for competition with a single figure allowance based on time.

4.2 The Rule will be administered by MOCRA. The MOCRA Racing committee shall be solely responsible for any changes in the Rule.

4.3 Requests for interpretations of the Rule shall be made through MOCRA Racing Secretary. Numbered interpretations will be posted on the MOCRA Website. Interpretations will be valid for the current year only and may be incorporated by the MOCRA Racing Committee in the annual review of the Rule

5.0 Rating Certificates

5.1 Rating certificates will be issued by the MOCRA Rating Secretary.

5.2 A boat shall not have more than one valid certificate at any time. Issue of a new certificate automatically invalidates the old one. The original or a copy of the certificate shall be kept on board the boat.

5.3 Rating certificates will be issued in the form as shown in Appendix 2, with the heading of the rating authority and any sponsorship as appropriate. A boat may apply to the rating authority to have her certificate 'Endorsed'. The rating authority will inform the boat of any measurement or other checks required prior to issuing a certificate carrying the notation ENDORSED.