

# 5 PROPOSALS: 2 TO CHANGE THE IDNIYRA BYLAWS 3 TO CHANGE IDNIYRA SPECIFICATIONS

## FOR DISCUSSION AT 2017 NORTH AMERICAN ANNUAL MEETING

### PROPOSAL #1

MODIFY THE LANGUAGE OF IDNIYRA BYLAWS, REGATTAS

IDNIYRA BYLAWS  
REGATTAS Fleet Splitting  
ORIGINAL TEXT:

All registered sailors will be divided into fleets. The Gold Fleet will be 50 sailors. The remaining sailors will be divided into the smallest number of approximately equal fleets possible, not exceeding 50 sailors per fleet. The number of skippers in any fleet may be changed by the race committee with approval of the Governing Committee members present at the regatta because of course size or conditions.

PROPOSED: (NEW IN RED)

All registered sailors will be divided into fleets **as necessary. The number of sailors in each fleet will be determined by the race committee, with approval of a majority of those members of the Governing Committee present, after the close of registration. The recommended maximum fleet size is fifty sailors per fleet. Fleets of approximately equal size are desirable but not mandated. The safety of all participants is the primary consideration.**

Discussion: The intent of this change is to clarify how fleet sizes may be determined. This change removes the 50 sailor mandate in the Gold Fleet and allows more discretion when conditions and the number of sailors present should be factors in determining fleet size.

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"I believe that the costs to race a DN ice yacht are getting out of line with the needs of the class. I am proposing 4 changes, one is a bylaws change and the other 3 change official specifications. 3 of the changes are aimed at reducing the cost and complexity of completion, and the fourth change will alleviate some of the problems caused by other changes and make official what is now done in Europe anyway." Eric Anderson US5193:

## PROPOSAL #2

### MODIFY THE LANGUAGE OF IDNIYRA BYLAWS, RACING RULES

#### IDNIYRA BYLAWS, RACING RULES (ADD ITEM L)

Add item L in the IDNIYRA bylaws, racing rules section :

L. All equipment used in the regatta, including runners and sails shall be selected and identified as required by the Sailing Instructions no later than the skippers meeting on day 1 of the regatta.

Discussion: Equipment specifications E. 10. reads: *“each yacht shall be restricted to the use of 9 runners during a regatta.”*

G.11 specifies 2 sails per regatta. What is not included in the specifications are when those runners are selected (or sails for that matter). I am proposing this rule with the following objective: Sailors will only have to carry 1 extra sail and 3 sets of runners out to the race course. Sailors will hopefully chose more all-purpose gear if required to chose earlier. Enforcement could be done by requiring the sailors to turn in the empty sicker sheets with their names on them at the skippers meeting

Technically the governing committee could make this change in the SI's, but I think it is important enough that the membership should vote to adopt it- or not. Since the sailing instructions are a continental responsibility, this will apply to North America only. The Europeans could certainly follow suit

## PROPOSAL #3

### IDNIYRA OFFICIAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Change E. Runners 2. F. (see full text below)
- Delete E. Runners 2. G (see full text below)

### INTERPRETATIONS E. RUNNERS

- Eliminate 1974 interpretation milling slots on T runners
- Eliminate 11/23/87 interpretation different thicknesses for T runners
- Modify 7/1/92 interpretation to remove references to T runners
- Modify the interpretations from 4/14/2010 to eliminate all references to T runners
- Modify 12/1/2012 interpretation to remove references to T runners

### ORIGINAL TEXT:

E. Runners 2. f.

The steel sections allowed are

American Standard 3/4" (19.1 mm) x 3/4" (19.1 mm) x 1/8" (3.3 mm) "angle" and 1" (25.4 mm) x 1" (25.4 mm) x 3/16" (4.8 mm) or 1/4" (6.4 mm) "T". Equivalent metric measure (DIN) sections may be used provided the dimensions are within 20% of those listed.

### PROPOSED

Change the IDNIYRA Official Specification to read :

E. Runners 2. f

The steel sections allowed are

American standard 3/4 " (19.1 mm) x 3/4 " (19.1 mm) x 1/8" (3.3 mm) "angle". Equivalent metric measure (DIN) sections may be used provided the dimensions are within 20% of those listed.

### DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

E. Runners Section 2 g. The 'T' section must not be reduced to less than 75% of its original height by sharpening.

Discussion: The class has talked about this for many years and it was narrowly defeated in a ballot in years past. This would eliminate Tee runners and would reduce the arsenal by 3-6 runners for most competitors. Anyone that has schlepped 30 runners through an airport understands how nice that would be. While there were valid historical reasons for T runners due to manufacturing processes those arguments are no longer valid and T runners are currently expensive, but specialty runners. Frankly quite a bit of T stock is produced by laser welding, and hardened T runners are often milled from a solid block of 440C or equivalent. A lot of the current stock is questionably legal anyway. There was a collision at the a recent event where a competitor insisted his T runner cost him more than 1500 Euro. This proposal, if acceptable at the annual meeting would need to be voted on by IDNIYRA NA and IDNIYRA EU which would occur in September of 2017

#### **PROPOSAL #4**

Add to IDNIYRA Official Specifications

E. Runners Section 13 Runners

Steel plate, insert, angle and T sections may not be modified by welding of the contact edge.

Interpretations E. runners

Eliminate 4/14/2014 following interpretation: Hard weld may be applied to the ice contact edge of all runners

Discussion: This eliminates the most expensive runners in the arsenal, namely stellite runners. Runner blades should meet the definition of steel, period. Again at one time this was a cheap method of producing runners, especially hardened T runners, but those days are gone. This proposal, if acceptable at the annual meeting would need to be voted on by IDNIYRA NA and IDNIYRA EU which would occur in September of 2017

#### **PROPOSAL #5**

Change Specification Runners E. 10

Current wording "Each yacht shall be restricted to the use of nine runners during a regatta."

Proposed wording.

E. 10. **Each yacht shall be restricted to the use of 10 runners at regattas. If 10 runners are used, at least two runners must be steering runners.**

Discussion: As I understand it the Europeans have allowed a 10th runner at the European championships for a while. Their rationale has been that when you race more than 7 races, a second, sharp steering runner is a valid safety concern. This bylaws change makes more sense when you require all equipment to be declared and stickered prior to the first race as in proposal #1

This proposal, if acceptable at the annual meeting would need to be voted on by IDNIYRA NA and IDNIYRA EU which would occur in Sept. of 2017.