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Rule Change proposals for the 2016 EGAM

1) Insert New Rule C.3.2 (b)

Electronic or mechanical timing devices which don't have any other function / capability. No other electronic device shall be carried by the crew on board.

Current Rule:

None

Reason:

This is missing from the current rules: electronics carried by the sailors themselves (ERS personal equipment). The rules specify electronics in the boat (portable equipment) and timers and compass are permitted. This must be extended in the personal equipment section, to avoid sailors with a GPS and a communications device in a gadget hand watch.

2) Modify rule C.8.3 as follows:

C.8.3 CONDITIONS FOR USE, RUDDER

(a) RUDDER

The rudder blade shall be in its fully lowered position. However it may be raised momentarily to clear sea weed or other floating objects.

Current Rule:

As above

Reason:

The current rule is inflexible and does not allow a momentary lift of the rudder blade to clear floating objects. While this is normal practice, it is a non-permitted action. The proposed change was tested at the 2016 Worlds and did not create any problems with the Jury.

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