



incorporating the Queensland Yachting Championships
Sat 30 September 2023 – Mon 2nd October 2023

Race Committee Policy Document - 1

Australian Sailing Prescription to IRC Rule 22.4 is as follows:

Australian Sailing prescribes that during a regatta run on consecutive days, including any lay days, the crew shall remain the same and be on board for all races. Exceptionally, crew may be replaced with the permission of the Race Committee.

The Race Committee will consider requests for crew changes:-

By exception test

The Race Committee when considering the 'by exception test' will consider how many changes are being requested by the entrant and whether exceptional circumstances exist for allowing the change. The number of changes being requested by a yacht and the nature of the circumstances under which the request are made are a question of fact. Exceptional circumstances could include:

- sickness or ill health;
- overseas travel; or
- personal type issues including illness, sickness or death of a close family member or friend etc.

As long as the request appears genuine and an entrant is displaying continued crew changeovers each day the granting of a crew change would meet the by exception test.

Reasonableness

In terms of reasonableness; as long as the substitution is not made for performance enhancing purpose it would be reasonable for crew substitutions to take place, especially where the request is made some time prior to the regatta obviously as a result of work or logistical commitments or clashes. Again, a substitute crew person would be required.

For any change of crew made within 48 hours of the day on which it will take effect the Race Committee will pay particular attention to the size/weight of the crew member being substituted and the size/weight of the fill in crew member as within that time frame there exists greater likelihood that a change of crew to alter the aggregate crew weight may be influenced by the forecast wind conditions.

Notification to the requesting entrant

Entrants that have made a crew change request be notified as soon as possible to create less uncertainty for them and assist in their planning for the regatta. The Race Committee will attempt to turn around crew change requests leading up to and during the regatta as quickly as possible for the same reason.

Notification on the Regatta Notice Board

A Notice to be placed on the Regatta Notice Board outlining that a request has been made, whether the Race Committee has granted the request, the name of the crew member being substituted and the substituting crew member, and the days on which the substitution will take effect.

Additional Questions to the Race Committee**Question 1.**

Are sponsors and guests allowed on boats in the rating Divisions?

Answer 1.

Yes.

Question 2.

Are they considered to be crew?

Answer 2.

No, unless they participate in any way in the operation of the boat in which case they will be considered crew.

Question 3.

Should guests be included in the daily "Sign On" as required by SI 18.2?

Answer 3.

Yes, in addition the Race Committee recommends that the full details of the sponsors and guests on board be provided daily to the Race Committee.

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