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Summary: section 28 update

Affects:
- [x] Constitution
- [ ] By-Laws
- [ ] Class Rules
- [ ] Deed of Gift
- [ ] Rules of Conduct
- [ ] NoR or SI Template
- [ ] Other

Objective: update wording; add the number of members; add specific duties to the Rules Committee.

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red):
Example: By Laws: Section 1. Racing Season
The official racing sailing season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Constitution, Section 28. Technical Committee

The Board of Governors shall appoint a Technical Committee consisting of the Chairman of the International Rules Committee, Vice Chairman, Chief Measurer, 4 Rules Committee members and the Chief Information Officer. The four appointed members and the CIO shall not be elected members of the Board of Governors. The Rules Committee in accordance with World Sailing Regulations shall maintain, study and make recommendations on all Class measurement Rules and Rules of Conduct restrictions.

This Committee, in accordance with World Sailing Regulations, shall have power to record or clarify any Class measurement Rule or Rule of Conduct restriction whenever its meaning is deemed not clear or unfair. If necessary, such clarifications may be submitted as rules amendments to World Sailing after approval of the Board of Governors.

Proposed Class Rules changes shall be submitted by March 1 and circulated to all members of the International Rules Committee for comments and recommendations as well as publication of the proposal via the Snipe Bulletin, posting on the website and via email to all National Secretaries with discussion held from March to June. The Rules Committee will then discuss, vote and make recommendations to the Board for consideration of a vote by the Board of Governors July 1-10. Measurement rules changes may take effect only on January 1 of each leap year (2000, 2004, 2008, etc.) and then only if submitted to the Board as agenda items by March 1 of the preceding year.

The following paragraphs remain unchanged.

Reasons:
1. Since the Snipe rules have been updated to the WS format, they are no more named “General Restrictions”, but “Class Rules”.

1 Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to 1st March.
2. I believe that the Rules of Conduct shall be included among the duties of the Rules Committee with respect to make recommendations.
3. The number of the members of the Rules Committee was missing.
4. To avoid conflicts of interest or predominant position the 4 members appointed and the Chief Information officer shall not otherwise be Board members.