



## AMERICA'S CUP

### REGATTA DIRECTOR NOTICE #13

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#### **Re: Racing Rules of Sailing (America's Cup Edition) Version 2.2**

Please find attached the v2.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing (America's Cup Edition). This contains an amendment to rule 40 in respect to buoyancy aids that crew must wear.

The key requirement I want is that a crewmember shall to be able to remove or deflate his buoyancy aid within 10 seconds. I am therefore removing the requirement that the buoyancy aid be the outermost garment.

The resulting change to rule 40.1(a) is as follows:

"a buoyancy aid that meets the flotation standard of ISO 12402-5 or ISO 12402-6 (CE 50 Newtons) and that is capable of being removed or deflated within 10 seconds, ~~which shall be the outermost garment;~~"

In order to be satisfied that teams comply with this amended rule, each crewmember shall bring his buoyancy aid together with any item he may wear over the buoyancy aid to the crew weigh-in on Friday morning. At that time each crewmember shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of Richard Slater (Chief Umpire) his ability to remove or deflate his buoyancy aid within the required 10 seconds.

Please note the language of RRS 1.1 that states in part "...Crew equipment requirements in these Racing Rules prescribe the minimum required. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal equipment adequate for the conditions."

I have made this amendment in compliance with Racing Rule 86.1.

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**Regatta Director**