

GUIDANCE FOR THE NCC REGARDING REQUESTS FOR BOATS TO BE PLACED IN THE NAC CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

The Bylaws require all boats to sail in the Qualification Event and to make the cut in order to compete in the Championship Division. However, the NCC is allowed to grant exceptions. Requests must be in writing and shall only be considered for circumstances beyond the control of the competitor. Examples could be illness, injury, or boat damage from a collision that is not the competitor's fault. Requests should not be considered for things like family events, business conflicts, equipment problems, and rigging breakdowns. The entrant's past performance in NAC's and Midwinters should be considered. The NCC will consider the validity of the request and rule accordingly, giving reasons in writing for its decision. The NCC should notify the Race Committee and Judges of the outcome of any requests. A member of the NCC should recuse himself if the decision will directly affect that individual as an interested party.

This document is for guidance only. Every circumstance cannot be anticipated. The examples above are not all-inclusive. The NCC should use its best judgment and common sense to make decisions. The intent is to set the bar very high for the NCC to approve such requests.

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