



S&S Association Global Regatta rules

The following rules were agreed by the Committee in 2000 and were used for the first time the year 2000. At the 2001 AGM it was agreed that rule 4 be changed to refer to day races of not less than 15 miles in odd-numbered years and to overnight races in even-numbered years.

1. These rules govern the annual competition for the award of the Sparkman & Stephens Challenge Cup, known as the Global Regatta.
2. The competition shall be between Regions of the Association, as defined from time to time by the Committee.
3. To enter the competition a Regional Secretary shall submit to the Committee a list of up to 10 Qualifying Races that start within that Region during the calendar year of the entry.
4. Qualifying Races shall be of not less than 25 nautical miles and competed in on the basis of a national or international handicapping rule of widespread use within the Region.
5. A Qualifying Result shall be a class or overall win on handicap in a Qualifying Race by a Member's yacht on which the Member was present.
6. A Qualifying Result shall be for a Race in which at least four yachts completed the course and received a position and corrected time.
7. A Global Regatta Entry shall be a Qualifying Result and shall consist of the name of a Member's yacht, the name of the Qualifying Race, the position and corrected time of the Members' yacht, and the corrected time of the yacht in second position in the relevant class or overall.
8. The winning Entry shall be the one which had the largest percentage margin of corrected time over the yacht placed second in its class or overall.
9. Any dispute over the interpretation of these rules shall be settled by appeal to the national yacht racing authority of the country in which the Association's Chairman resides.

Explanatory notes

At the 2012 AGM the following explanatory notes were proposed and accepted:

- Odd/even rule is managed.
 - If no day race wins are registered in a day race year (odd year) the trophy is awarded to an overnight race win.
 - If no overnight race wins are registered in an overnight race year (even year) the trophy is awarded to day race win.
- Rule 3 is a statement of intent which will not necessarily cause the disqualification of a race which is not nominated as a Qualifying Race during the calendar year. However, the Regional Secretaries shall motivate and keep track of their members' race attendance and nominate potential winners of the S&S Challenge Cup