

World Sailing Racing Rules Question and Answer Service

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Question 1

Who is the owner of a boat for the purposes of the Racing Rules of Sailing?

Answer 1

The term 'owner' is not defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and is therefore used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

It may be the individual, the partnership or the organization to whom the boat belongs.

Question 2

May a temporary possessor or a person who has chartered a boat be considered to be the owner for the purposes of the Racing Rules of Sailing?

Answer 2

No; see answer 1.

Question 3

Can a boat have more than one owner for the purposes of the Racing Rules of Sailing?

Answer 3

Yes; see answer 1.

Question 4

What are the rights of the registered owner for the purposes of the Racing Rules of Sailing?

Answer 4

The Racing Rules of Sailing do not give any rights to the owner of the boat. Rules 2, 3.1(a), 3.2, 3.3(d), 6, 7, and 69.1(a) and 78.1, place obligations but without giving rights to an owner.

Question 5

Does the registered owner have the right to protest, to request redress or to appeal a decision if they were not on board the boat or if they have chartered the boat to another person?

Answer 5

No. In this case the owner is not part of the boat (see Terminology)