



Implementing the Changes to Sail Identification - IRSA update 2021

Background:

The International Radio Sailing Authority is aligning with World Sailing's 2017 requirement that **sail number** must have **at least two digits**. Up until now in radio sailing, we grandfathered i.e. carried on as normal. This is no longer allowable after 30.12.2020 for new sails

Reason:

The principal reason behind this change, is to align with the 2021 RRS revisions to the required event hailing procedure.

e.g. A skipper with sail no 43 calling for 'room to tack at an obstruction' is now required to hail using their own sail number as follows: "Four three room to tack" and not "Room to tack <other boat sail number>".

Requirement:

This change concerns those skippers who have a single digit sail number 1, 2, 3.....

i.e. from January 1st 2021 they will need to display 01, 02, 03 etc.

Solution:

You will need to add a 0 (zero) in-front of the existing single digit. This might require re-positioning the original number in order to get the correct spacing on the sail such that an additional 3rd digit can be placed in front of the 0 when there is a conflict at an event.

i.e. If two boats with 01's are sailing, the race committee will ask one of the skippers to add a further number. Thus, one will sail as 01 and the other will sail as 101.

The extra "1" can be put on using insulation tape and taken off when you return to your normal club sailing.



Here's an easy way to do this.

Mark up your sails with stencils and marker pen and make a couple of dots with the marker pen top and bottom showing exactly where the 1 should go. That way if you ever have to do it, it's quick and easy.