

MYCQ OMR

How to deal with WE.

For boat owners with, or wishing to obtain OMR certification

What is 'WE' ? (I know this is not correct English, but stay with me a while...)

'WE' is defined as the weight of moveable (actually removable) equipment declared.

'WE' is the weight of that equipment originally weighed with the boat as part of WM that may at times be removed, thus making the boat lighter and changing the rating.

'WE' might include such items as life rafts or dinghies, extra safety equipment, non-rated sails, batteries or any other item carried for example, where it may be compulsory or desirable for one category of race but not for another.

Items that may be expected to be included in 'WE' must be weighed separately and individually so that any combination of these may be used in the calculation of 'WE'.

The weighing of items for 'WE' is normally done during the weighing and measuring of the vessel for OMR but may be done at any time later by an official measurer.

When 'WE' amendment is invoked at the request of the owner for a race or a number of races, the items to be included in 'WE' must be declared. The weight of the items is re-entered in the 'WE' cell on the rating certificate by the rating officer, who will extract these items from the boat's measurement form.

This automatically changes the rating and a new certificate is issued for the nominated races only.

It is usual for the request for amendment to 'WE' to accompany the return of the race entry form providing at least 7 days prior notice to the start of the event.

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