



This 2023 Competition Directive was initiated by the U-12 Racing Team and is recommended by the Board of Directors following discussions which occurred on October 2, 2023.

General Rule J.4 – High Points and Championships requires a Boat to be “destroyed or declared unseaworthy” by the Chief Inspector (or his or her designee) in order to transfer points between Boats during the Racing Season. Such Rule also allows for a replaced Boat to be repaired and have its points reinstated. Due to the conditions associated with the Race Course at Madison, Indiana on the Ohio River, the U-12 and other teams have expressed concern about the amount of damage sustained at recent Madison Events – and have considered using a “back-up” boat at that Race – whether or not their primary Boat has been “destroyed or declared unseaworthy” and have requested Rule J.4 be revised accordingly.

Notwithstanding the declaration required of the Chief Inspector under General Rule J.4, any specific Owner may declare his, her or its primary Boat to be “unseaworthy” and substitute a second Boat (properly registered to such Owner) at the Madison Regatta and such substitute Boat shall accumulate national highpoints under the primary Boat’s number for the Madison Regatta, **only**.

Such declaration must be made to the H1 Operations Manager - on or before **Noon PDT** on the **Monday** prior to the Madison Regatta. The primary Boat will not enter the Madison Pit Area and will not be eligible for any prize and/or tow money, nor receive any Race specific credentials.

Example Scenario. Following the Guntersville Regatta, the Owner of the U-12 (00-01) may deem the 00-01 to be unseaworthy for the Madison Regatta.

Substitution. The U-98 (98-99) (or any other Hull or back-up Hull properly registered with H1 by the U-12 Owner) can be substituted as the U-12 and the 98-99 can accumulate points as the U-12 for the Madison Regatta, only.

Reinstatement. The 00-01 shall have its number reinstated immediately following the Madison Regatta and resume accumulating U-12 points (unless otherwise destroyed or declared unseaworthy by the Chief Inspector).

Restrictions. The U-98 (98-99) will not accumulate points as the U-98 at the Madison Regatta but may resume accumulating U-98 points at the next Race at which it participates as the U-98.

The H1 Board of Directors will review such exception following the 2024 Racing Season. The Board believes the exception to be consistent with the 10 Principles of Rulemaking in Unlimited Hydroplane Racing.

Approved by:

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H1 Chairman of the Board
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