



# 2024 Rolex Big Boat Series

## Question for Officials

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**Question No: 01**

**Question For: Race Committee**

**Question:**

I do not think I have been placed in the correct fleet. Could you tell me what criteria was used on choosing the ORC fleet assignment?

The ORC race management guide states specifically that:

“it is important to have the fleet organized into racing groups ...of similar type. The scoring system works best when like-type and sized boats race each other, particularly when using the most accurate scoring options. it is important to have the fleet organized into racing groups (e.g. classes, divisions, sections, etc) of similar type. The scoring system works best when like-type and sized boats race each other, particularly when using the most accurate scoring options.”

This can be found in the ORC race management website [here](#). It is stated 3 times in that 1 paragraph that it is vitally important that the fleets be split into boats that are similar in “type” and “size”

In fleet B, almost every boat except for Destin and Saoirse are ultra light displacement sport boats that plane at 16kn. Almost all are in the low to mid 30 ft size. Also their IMS Division on their rating certificate puts them in the “Performance” class.

Destin’s IMS Division is cruiser/racer not Performance. Destin is a heavy displacement boat that cannot plane any where near 16kn and is 43 feet long which is substantially larger than these other boats. We are nowhere near similar in type or size to these boats as emphasized by ORC. Based on ORC, since we are not similar at all to these boats, the rating system will not work well. They state that the “scoring system works best when like-type and sized boats race each other”.

Thus, based on the above and on the ORC race management instructions, Destin should be placed in with other cruiser/racer boats of 40ft or more in length. Also, all the fleets really should be split as close as possible to the guidelines of ORC otherwise you will not

have a fair race since the scoring system will not work well as the ORC specifically state. The "scoring system works best when like-type and sized boats race each other".

The fleet that we should be placed in would be boats that are in the IMS Division of cruiser/racer or similar type boats. We should also be placed with boats of similar sizes of 40ft or more. That would be the Tripp 41, J133, Swan 461, J120s, Swan 47 and 1D48. Although the 1D48 is a "Performance" IMS Division boat, it is not a planing boat and has very similar characteristics to these other boats.

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**Answer:**

Romeo,

Thank you for your email and your detailed proposal. The Rules Subcommittee and I have reviewed it and taken it into consideration and a revised ORC division assignment has been made and posted. Yachtscoring is being updated as I write this so please give it some time to be posted online. You'll be racing in ORC C division.

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Deputy PRO ORC Class.

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