

# May 2021 CL & LoAR

A Quick Summary of Changes

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# SENA A3A3 - Augmentations of Honor

- Update to A3A3 to allow cantons and escutcheons, when used as augmentations, to have poor contrast with the field or other charge they overlay so long as identifiability is maintained. This doesn't apply to charged lozenges.
- Implements the precedent set on the Dec. 2020 CL.
- Example:
  - Jane Doe has (hypothetically) registered *Gules, a widget argent* and receives an augmentation from Their Majesties of Caid. She may now register the augmented device, *Gules, a widget argent and for augmentation on a canton azure a cross of Caid argent* which uses Caid's standard augmentation despite the poor contrast between the gules field and the azure canton.

# SENA PN4C – Claim of Powers

- This update simply modifies the examples in this section to make it clearer that names used by normal humans in period can be registered even if the meaning implies supernatural powers is accepted. It doesn't affect the registrability of names.
- If a name was used by ordinary humans in period, it is registrable even if it implies supernatural abilities (e.g. *Warlock*) or non-human status (e.g., *Trolle* and *hálftr{o,}ll*)

# SENA Appendices A and C – Regional Naming Groups

- Renamed Russia/East Slavic to simply East Slavic.
  - This means the table in Appendix C has been rearranged and all the impacted “can be combined” listings have also been renamed. Russian is still there, it’s just listed under East Slavic.
- Added Ruthenian to the East Slavic regional group.
  - Ruthenian was the language spoken in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and by the East Slavs living in the Habsburg-ruled Austrian Empire.
  - If someone is interested in a name from present-day Belarusia or Ukraine, or parts of Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Serbia they may be looking at a Ruthenian name.

# Admin Handbook III.B.2 – Protected Armory

- This section of the AH is updated so that plain tincture flags of significant geographical locations outside the Society won't be protected.
  - In this case “plain tincture” means argent, azure, gules, Or, purpure, sable, and vert.
  - This means that the flag of Libya is no longer protected.
- What this means:
  - For example, a tower flying a vert pennon will no longer be returned for presumption against Libya.
  - For example, using an uncharged escutcheon in one of the listed plain tinctures won't possibly be returned as display of an important non-SCA badge (flag).
- This has no impact on the protection of important non-SCA armory (as opposed to flags), such as Brittany (*Ermine*); however, we don't currently protect any of the tinctures mentioned above as **armory**. Libya's flag was the only plain tincture **flag** protected.

# SENA A6G3a - Marshalling

- Updated to remove references to Libya's flag, *Vert*, as being protected. Does not affect registrability or conflict checking.

# Grey Proper

- Period evidence was provided showing a variety of grey-shaded quadrupeds, including light greys on light fields and dark greys on dark fields.
- Precedent has been revised so *grey* isn't treated as *argent* or *sable* based on the shade but rather on what avoids contrast issues and conflict.
  - The Cover Letter notes "We note that contrast against a neutral, divided background may require a shade of grey that unambiguously contrasts on its own, or additional documentation addressing ambiguous contrast in such cases"



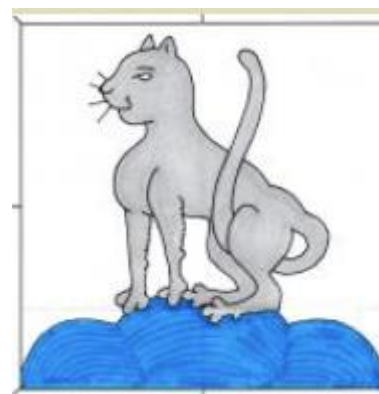
Would be treated as sable since it is on an argent bend



Would be treated as argent since it is on an gules field



Would be treated as sable since it is on an argent bend



*Argent*, a grey domestic cat sejant proper atop a trimount azure reg. to Magdalena Ott (05/2021, A-An Tir). The cat is treated as sable for conflict purposes, which will be noted in the O&A.

# Vêtu Ployé and a Lozenge Ployé Throughout

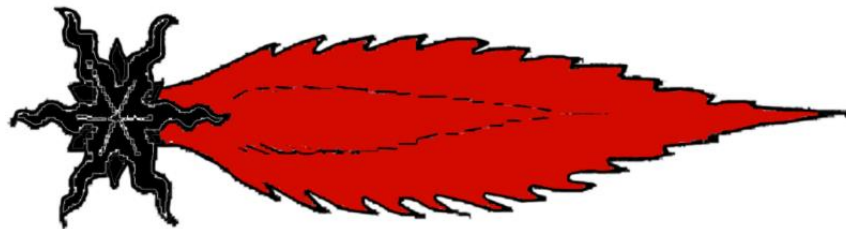
- Vêtu fields shouldn't have the upper portions charged.
- Prior precedent [Brigitte MacFarlane Red, 02/2002, R-Æthelmearc] says you can't reblazon as a lozenge ployé throughout to allow charging the upper portions.
- Precedent is overturned on the basis that you can blazon your way out of style problems. [Roesia du Bois, 05/2021, A-An Tir]
- Registered to Roesia du Bois, *Argent, on a lozenge ployé throughout vert between in chief two roses proper an archery mark Or.*





# Comets

- Prior precedent [Western Seas, Barony of, 01/2015, A-Caid) states that a comet takes its tincture from its beard.
- Precedent is overturned, a comet will take its tincture equally from its head and its beard. [05/2021 CL]
- This applies whether the head dominates, the beard dominates, or the head and beard are balanced.
  - The Cover Letter states: “We note that comets with beards so diminutive that the whole charge passes for a simple mullet may fail to be granted any DC for difference in type for those cases.”



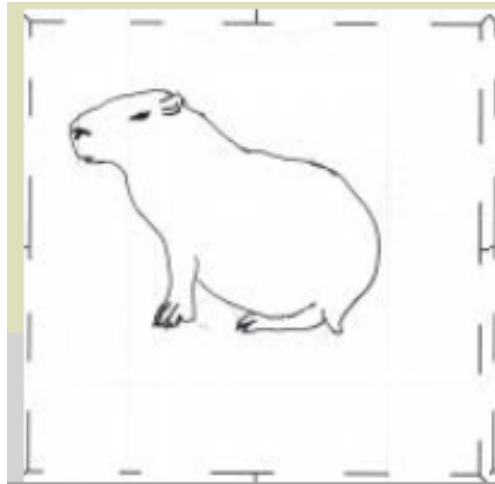
The comet is half sable (head) and half gules (beard).

# New Charges

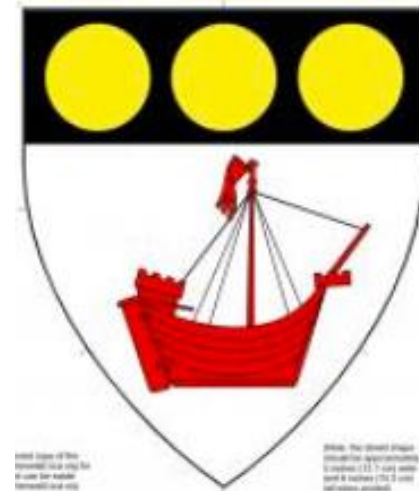
- Archery mark (registered to Roesia du Bois, An Tir)
- Capybara (registered to Eyv{o,}r Halldórsdóttir, Atenveldt); at least a DC from a rat
- Cog (registered to Peder Klingrode, Drachenwald)
- Thundercloud (registered to Vémundr Syvursson, An Tir)



An archery mark



A capybara



A sailless cog



A thundercloud

# Webbed Updates

- SENA Appendix C has been updated.
- Admin Handbook III.B.2 has been updated.
- SENA A3A3, A6G3, and PN4C will be updated after the BoD's October quarterly meeting, assuming that they approve the changes.
  - The assumption is that the BoD will approve the changes and Laurel is operating under the updates as published in the interim – they are treated as precedents at this point.