

This is a report on the activities carried on by the Racing Rules Committee between November 2021 and May 2022.

One of the topics that required an urgent discussion in this period was rule 50.1 and its requirement for quick release harnesses from January 2023. The Classes and the Equipment Committees pointed out that the market would be unable to cover that requirement on time and therefore that would leave sailors with no other option but to break the rules. The result of this discussion was Submission M07-22 presented by the chairmen of the Classes and the Equipment Committees and approved by the Racing Rules Committee as a change of clear necessity and pressing importance under regulation 28.1.2 (See Submission and RRC Yellow paper).

During these months, the RRC has published the 2022 supplement to the Case book, with new Case 147, the Standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for Match Racing and the updated version of the development Appendix HS – High Speed Rules, after receiving feedback from its users.

The Q&A has continued servicing race officials and classes has published three new Q&As and is currently discussing four questions recently submitted.

The RRC has continued working with VP Philip Baum on the approval of the special edition of the rules for the SailGP competition.

The Rule 18 Working Party submitted a draft for a renovated rule 18 to the RRC last April. We had a conference call where the chairman of the WP explained the changes they were proposing. Representatives from the Athletes and Coaches Commissions and the Race Officials Committee were invited to the call, as we need them to be part of the process in order to reach a high level of consensus for the final changes. After the call, the RRC voted to support the Test Rule 18 as a test rule under regulation 28.1.5. The rule 18 working party is currently setting up a number of on-line meetings with those event organisers and officials who have accepted to test the new rule. The text of the Test Rule 18 can be found on the World Sailing website https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/20095428/2022-Test-Rule-18-Addendum-X-Rule-18-the-preamble-to-Section-C-and-Mark-Room-April-26-2022_v2.pdf. In that document you will find a link to a library with explanatory documents to help understand the changes proposed. I want to thank the Rule 18 WP lead by Dave Perry for the big effort they have made to include in this project not only race officials but also sailors and coaches of all different disciplines.

Looking ahead, the next weeks will be used to work on the submissions to be lodged in August and the update of current Addendum Q Umpire Medal Racing, with the ambition to have it fixed until the end of 2024.

I want to thank all RRC members for their continuous commitment and hard work for the sport, Madeleine Dunn and Megan Griggs for their assistance and big efforts from the office and Philip Baum, the WS Vice President working with the RRC, for his continuous support.

I will be at your disposal for any question you may have about this report.



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