

Racing Rules Committee Decisions and Recommendations to Council

This "yellow paper" is a summary of the Recommendations made by the Racing Rules Committee on the 2023 Annual Conference Submissions

Decisions

All approved text is subject to editing and final approval of the Racing Rules Committee further to Regulation 28.2.4.

025-22 Rule A2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

042-22 Gender Neutral Terminology
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Approve proposed changes to E2.3, G1.1, M3.2 and N4.2 unamended.

Conflict of Interest A conflict of interest exists if a person ~~A person has a conflict of interest if he~~

- (a) may gain or lose as a result of a decision to which that person ~~he~~ contributes,
- (b) may reasonably appear to have a personal or financial interest which could affect that person's ~~his~~ ability to be impartial, or
- (c) has a close personal interest in a decision.

49.2 When lifelines are required by the class rules or any other *rule*, competitors shall not position any part of their torsos outside them, except briefly to perform a necessary task. ~~However, on~~ On boats equipped with upper and lower lifelines, ~~competitors a competitor~~ sitting facing outboard with their ~~his~~ waist inside the lower lifeline may have the upper part of their ~~his~~ body outside the upper lifeline. Unless a class rule or any other *rule* specifies a maximum deflection, lifelines shall be taut. If the class rules do not specify the material or minimum diameter of lifelines, they shall comply with the corresponding specifications in the *World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations*.

63.4 Conflict of Interest

- (a) Protest committee members ~~A protest committee member~~ shall declare any possible *conflict of interest* as soon as they are ~~he is~~ aware of it. Parties ~~A party~~ to the hearing who believe ~~believes~~ a member of the protest committee has a *conflict of interest* shall object as soon as possible. A *conflict of interest* declared by a protest committee member shall be included in the written information provided under rule 65.2.

69.2 Action by a Protest Committee

- (d) When an investigator is appointed, all relevant information gathered by the investigator, ~~he gathers,~~ favourable or unfavourable, shall be disclosed to the protest committee, and if the protest committee decides to call a hearing, to the *parties*.

- (e) If the protest committee decides to call a hearing, it shall promptly inform the person in writing of the alleged breach and of the time and place of the hearing and follow the procedures in rules 63.2, 63.3(a), 63.4, 63.6, 65.1, 65.2, 65.3 and 66, except that:
 - (1) unless a person has been appointed by World Sailing, a person may be appointed by the protest committee to present the allegation.
 - (2) a person against whom an allegation has been made under this rule shall be entitled to **attend the hearing with** ~~have~~ an advisor and a representative ~~with him~~ who may act on **the person's** ~~his~~ behalf.
- (f) If the person
 - (1) provides good reason **for being** ~~why he is~~ unable to come to the hearing at the scheduled time, the protest committee shall reschedule it; or
 - (2) does not provide good reason and does not come to the hearing, the protest committee may conduct it without the person present.

E6.8 Taking Evidence and Finding Facts

Add new rule 63.6(e):

- (e) When the *protest* concerns an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4, any witness shall have been in the control area at the time of the incident. ~~If the A~~ witness **who** is a competitor, **and** who was not acting as an observer, **must** ~~he shall~~ also have been scheduled to race in the relevant heat.

002-23 Race Signals, Abandonment Signals
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
 Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
 Approve Proposal 1.

Approve Proposal 2 as follows:

N over H All races **in progress** ~~or not started~~ are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.

N over A All races **in progress** ~~or not started~~ are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

003-23 Introduction, Terminology, 'Boat'
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
 Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
 A sailboat ~~that has entered or intends to enter an event~~, and the crew on board, **that are subject to the rules**.

004-23 Introduction - Terminology
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
 Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
 Reject Proposal 2.

Approve Proposal 1 as follows:

Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use. For a source of the nautical sense of a word, a reader may refer to the *Equipment Rules of Sailing*. When describing parts of a boat, these racing rules are guided by Part 2 of the *World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing* when those definitions do not contradict the definitions or terminology of the racing rules.

005-23 RRS Terminology

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

007-23 Definitions Obstruction and Continuing Obstruction

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

Prefer decisions in 008-23.

008-23 Definition - Obstruction, New Definition – Continuing Obstruction Rule 19.2

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Approve Proposal 1 as follows:

(b) Add new definition:

~~Continuing Obstruction~~ ~~An obstruction where the smallest boat referred to in the rule would need a distance of three of her hull lengths to pass. However, the following are not a continuing obstruction: a vessel under way, a boat racing, and a race committee vessel that is also a mark.~~

~~Continuing Obstruction~~ ~~An obstruction is a continuing obstruction when a boat is passing it and will pass alongside it for at least three of her hull lengths. However, the following are not a continuing obstruction: a vessel under way, a boat racing, or a race committee vessel that is also a mark.~~

Approve Proposal 2. Put 'obstruction' in italics.

Reject Proposal 3.

009-23 Definition Proper Course

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Proper Course A course a boat would choose in order to ~~sail the course and finish~~ **complete** ~~sail to the next mark of the leg she believes she is on to be sailing, or finish,~~ as soon as possible in the absence of the other boats referred to in the rule using the term. A boat has no *proper course* before her starting signal.

010-23 Definitions: Finish (including C2.1 and F), Proper Course, Sailing the Course

Rules: 28, 32.1, 35, A5, A10, B8 A5.4, F8 A5.2, S12.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- (a) Change Definition of Finish (as agreed in 002-22) to:

Finish A boat *finishes* when, after her starting signal, any part of her hull crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not *finished* if after crossing the finishing line she

- (a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2, or
(b) corrects an error in sailing the course made at the line, or
(c) continues to sail the course.

After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely.

- (c) Change App F - Finish to:

Finish A kiteboard *finishes* when, after ~~her starting signal~~starting, while the competitor is in contact with the hull, any part of her hull, or the competitor, crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not *finished* if after crossing the finishing line she

- (a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2,
(b) corrects an error in sailing the course made at the line, or
(c) continues to sail the course.

After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely.

- ~~(d) Change Definition of Proper Course to:~~

~~**Proper Course** A course a boat would choose in order to sail the course and finish as soon as possible in the absence of the other boats referred to in the rule using the term. A boat has no proper course before her starting signal.~~

- (e) Change Definition of Sail the Course to:

Sail the Course A boat *sails the course* when:

(a) she starts;

(b) provided that a string representing her track ~~from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its pre-start side to start~~ until she *finishes*, when drawn taut,

(~~a~~1) passes each *mark* of the course for the race on the required side and in the correct order (including the starting marks).

(~~b~~2) touches each *mark* designated in the sailing instructions to be a rounding *mark*, and

(~~c~~3) passes between the *marks* of a gate from the direction of the course from the previous *mark*; and then

(c) she finishes.

- (i) Change rule A5 to:

A5 SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

A5.1 When a race committee is satisfied determines that a A-boat:

(a) that did not start, sail the course or finish, or

(b) did not comply with rule 30.2, 30.3, 30.4 or 78.2, ~~or that or~~

(c) retired or took ~~retires or takes~~ a penalty under rule 44.3(a),

it shall score the boat ~~be scored~~ accordingly ~~by the race committee~~ without a hearing. Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

- (j) Change rule A10 to:

A10 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

These scoring abbreviations shall be used for recording the circumstances described:

NSC Did not *sail the course* (other than DNC, DNS, OCS and OCS DNF)

- (n) Change rule 90.3(a):

90.3 Scoring

- (a) The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A unless the notice of race or sailing instructions specify some other system. A race shall be scored if it is not *abandoned* and if one boat ~~starts, sails the course and finishes~~ within the race time limit, if any, even if she retires after *finishing* or is disqualified.

(o) Change rule J2.1(6):

- (6) the race time limit, if any, for the first boat to ~~start, sail the course, and finish (see rule 35);~~

011-23 Definition On a Beat to Windward and Rule 18.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

012-23 Rule 14

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

013-23 Definition Mark Room, Preamble to Section C, Rule 18

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Proposals 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10 - Approve.

Proposal 2 amended as follows:

Preamble to Section C

*Section C rules do not apply **between boats** at a starting **mark** surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from **the time boats are approaching them to start their preparatory signal** until they have ~~passed~~ **started and left** them **astern**.*

Proposal 5 – Reject.

Proposal 8 – Approve Option B, reject Option A.

Proposal 9 – Reject.

014-23 Rule 20.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

015-23 Rule 64.4(b)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

Reject. The term 'certification authority' as it is defined in the ERS is not easy to understand and can be interpreted different ways.

016-23 **Rule 37 and Race Signals**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

017-23 **Rule 44.3(c)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- (c) The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the number of ~~places~~ **points** stated in the notice of race or sailing instructions. When the number of ~~places~~ **points** is not stated, the penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest ~~whole number~~ **tenth of a point** (0.**05** rounded upward). The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for Did Not Finish.

018-23 **Rule 50.1(b)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

019-23 **Rule 50.1(b), 50.1(c)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

50 **COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

50.1

- (b) Furthermore, a competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 8 kilograms, excluding a **crew harness (as defined in *The Equipment Rules of Sailing*)** ~~hiking or trapeze harness~~ and clothing (including footwear) worn only below the knee. Class rules or the notice of race may specify a lower weight or a higher weight up to 10 kilograms. Class rules may include footwear and other clothing worn below the knee within that weight. A **crew harness** ~~hiking or trapeze harness~~ shall have positive buoyancy **in fresh water** and shall not weigh more than 2 kilograms, except that class rules may specify a higher weight up to 4 kilograms. Weights shall be determined as required by Appendix H.

Proposal 2 – Delete Option A and use Option B as follows:

50 **COMPETITOR CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

50.1

- (a) [no change].
- (b) [see proposal 1].
- (c) A **crew harness** **shall allow the competitor, at any time, to easily disconnect the harness from the trapeze or attachment to the boat.** ~~trapeze harness worn by a competitor which may be used to support the competitor on a trapeze~~ **shall be capable of being easily disconnected from the trapeze.** ~~shall be of the quick release variety complying with ISO 10862 which allows the competitor to detach from the hook or other method of attachment at any time. A class rule~~

~~may change this rule to permit trapeze harnesses that are not of the quick release variety, but a class rule may not change the requirement that a quick release harness comply with ISO 10862.~~

~~Note: Rule 50.1(e) does not take effect until 1 January 2025.~~

020-23 Rule 50.1(c)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

021-23 New Rule 56.3
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

**FOG SIGNALS AND LIGHTS; TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES;
AUTOMATIC TRACKING SYSTEMS ~~IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM~~**

56.3 When a *rule* requires a boat to be equipped with an Automatic Identification System transponder, or any other tracking device ~~a specific tracker, this it~~ shall not be turned off or its effectiveness ~~operation~~ intentionally reduced ~~worsened~~.

022-23 Introduction, Definition Party, Definition Protest, Part 5
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
See Appendix to Yellow Paper.

The Committee approves the new text, subject to amendments being approved by email vote shortly after this meeting.

023-23 Rule 60.4(a)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Approve Option 2, reject Option 1.

024-23 Rule 60.4
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Submission withdrawn

025-23 Rule 61.1(a)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Change rule 61.1(a) as indicated:
(a) The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident that she became aware of observed in the racing area, she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing. However,
[no further changes]

026-23 Hearing Start – Rules 61.2 and 63.5
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Reject Proposal 1.

Approve Proposal 2.

It is recognised this is a change, but the Committee considers it is a simplification that matches more modern practice.

In coming to this view, the Committee does not consider “the incident” includes where or when the incident occurred. This is for the protest committee to decide at the hearing.

027-23 Rule 62.2, 63.2 and the definition Party
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Reject Proposal 1, approve Proposal 2.

028-23 Rule 63.3(b)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

029-23 Rule 64.4(b)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

030-23 Rule 66.1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
The Committee recognises that there is an issue which needs addressing, but limiting ‘significant error’ in this way may place protest committees in very difficult positions where they cannot correct clear mistakes with the decisions. There needs to be a more fundamental review of this, along with the Case

031-23 Rule 66.3
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
A hearing is not necessary under the current rules and the current wording provides flexibility.

032-23 Rule 67
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

~~LEGAL LIABILITY AND MONETARY DAMAGES~~

Questions ~~The question~~ of legal liability, including or any claims for monetary damages, arising from a breach of any *rule* shall be governed by the prescriptions, if any, of the national authority.

033-23 Rule 75
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

034-23

Rule 76

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

76.2 However, the ~~The~~ organizing authority or the race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor

(a) because of advertising ~~if, provided~~ the boat or competitor complies with the World Sailing Advertising Code, or

(b) at (76.3) At world and continental championships if the no entry is within stated quotas ~~shall be rejected or cancelled without first obtaining~~ and the approval of the relevant World Sailing Class Association (or the Offshore Racing ~~Congress Council~~) or World Sailing has not been obtained.

76.3 A boat or competitor may request redress under rule 62 if they consider the reason given for rejection or exclusion is improper or broke if it breaks rule 76.2.

The Submissions Working Party must propose new wording for rule 76.3 to the Committee for approval.

035-23

Rule 78.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Approve Proposal 1, reject Proposal 2.

036-23

Rule 78.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

037-23

Rule 78.2

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

038-23

Rule 78.2

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

78.2 When a *rule* requires a valid certificate to be produced or its existence verified before a boat ~~races races~~, and this cannot be done, the boat may *race* provided that the ~~race~~ appropriate committee receives a statement signed by the person in charge that a valid certificate exists. The boat shall produce the certificate or arrange for its existence to be verified by the ~~race~~ appropriate committee before the start of the last day of the event, or of the first series, whichever is earlier. The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification without a hearing from all races of the event

039-23

Rule 86.1(c)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

040-23 **Rule 86.2, E8.G1.2, G1.1(b)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Approve Proposal 1.

Proposal 2

In Appendix G, change rule G1.1(b) as shown:

- (b) at all international events, except when the boats are provided to all competitors, national letters denoting her national authority from the table below. For the purposes of this rule, international events are World Sailing events, world and continental championships, and events described as international events in their notices of race ~~or and sailing instructions~~; and

Proposal 3

In rule E8 in Appendix E, change the last paragraph of rule G1.2 as shown:

For the purposes of this rule, international events are world and continental championships and events described as international events in their notices of race ~~or and sailing instructions~~.

041-23 **Rule 87**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

042-23 **Rule 87**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

043-23 **Rule 89.1, 89.2, 91(a) and 92.1**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Submission withdrawn

044-23 **Rule 92**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

045-23 **Rules A1 and A2.1**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

046-23 **Rule B2.16.1**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

047-23 **Rule Appendix B17**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

When, at the warning signal, the course to the first mark is approximately ninety degrees from the true wind, a board *overlapped* to *leeward* of another board on the same tack during the last 30 seconds before her starting signal shall not sail above ~~the~~ **her** shortest course **through the starting line** to the first *mark* while they remain overlapped if as a result the other board would need to take action to avoid contact, unless in doing so she promptly sails astern of the other board.

048-23 Rules B4.44.1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

049-23 Rules B5.62
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- (1) a board that ~~broke~~ **was breaking** a rule of Part 2 and took an appropriate penalty or was penalized, or

050-23 Rule C2.7, MR Call D6
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

051-23 Rule C2.9
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- 18.2(c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, ~~she is not required to give it~~ **rule 18.2(a) does not apply between them.**

052-23 Rules C6.1 and C6.2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- C6.2** A boat may not protest another boat under
(a) rule 14, ~~unless if no~~ damage or injury results;

053-23 Rule C8.5, New Rules C6.5 (c) and (d), C5.4
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- ~~(a) Move rule C8.5 to new rule C6.5(c) and re-number C8.6 accordingly.~~
(b) Add new rule ~~C6.5(d)~~ **C8.6** and re-number C8.6 as C8.7:

When one boat retires after both boats in a match ~~have started~~, the umpires may signal under C5.4, identifying the retired boat. ~~The match is then terminated and awarded to the boat that did not retire.~~

- (c) Change rule C5.4:
A black flag with a blue or yellow flag and one long sound means ‘The identified boat is disqualified or has retired, and the match is terminated and awarded to the other boat.’
- (d) Change C8.5:
When, after one boat has *started*, the umpires are satisfied that the other boat will not *start*, they may signal under rule C5.4, identifying the boat that has not started, ~~that the boat that did not start is disqualified and the match is terminated.~~

054-23 Rule D2.2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Approve Proposal 1, reject Proposal 2.

055-23 Rule D5.4
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

When the race committee decides that the ~~team's boat's finishing position~~ place score was made significantly worse, that the breakdown was through no fault of the crew, and that in the same circumstances a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid the breakdown, it shall make as equitable a decision as possible. This may be to *abandon* and resail the race or, when the boat's finishing ~~position~~ place was predictable, award her points for that ~~position~~ place. Any doubt about a boat's position when she broke down shall be resolved against her.

056-23 Rule E1.1 Definitions
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
The Committee understands there is no consensus within the community, the Radio Sailing WP is split, and IRSA does not support the changes. In these circumstances, the WP is unable to recommend these changes be approved.

057-23 Rule E2.4
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
The Committee understands there is no consensus within the community, the Radio Sailing WP is split, and IRSA does not support the changes. In these circumstances, the WP is unable to recommend these changes be approved.

058-23 Rule E4.2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

The Committee understands there is no consensus within the community, the Radio Sailing WP is split, and IRSA does not support the changes. In these circumstances, the WP is unable to recommend these changes be approved.

059-23

Rule E5

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

The Committee understands there is no consensus within the community, the Radio Sailing WP is split, and IRSA does not support the changes. In these circumstances, the WP is unable to recommend these changes be approved.

060-23

Rule E6.6

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

~~Delete rule E6.6 (f) approved in October 2022 and~~ Change E6.6 to read as follows:

E6.6 Redress

Rule 62.1(b) is changed to:

(b) injury, physical damage or becoming disabled because of the action of

(1) a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 and took ~~the-an~~ appropriate penalty or was penalised, or

(2) a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear or is determined to be at fault under the IRPCAS or a government right-of-way rule;

Rule 62.1 is changed to add:

(e) external radio interference acknowledged by the race committee, or

~~E6.6 (f) becoming disabled because of the action of~~

~~**(1) a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 and took an appropriate penalty or was penalized, or of**~~

~~**(2) a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear.**~~

061-23

Rule E6.8

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

The Committee understands there is no consensus within the community, the Radio Sailing WP is split, and IRSA does not support the changes. In these circumstances, the WP is unable to recommend these changes be approved.

062-23

Rule E7

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

The Committee understands there is no consensus within the community, the Radio Sailing WP is split, and IRSA does not support the changes. In these circumstances, the WP is unable to recommend these changes be approved.

- 063-23 Rule E8**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
The Committee would like IRSA to be asked to advise on edits for the final text of the RRS.
- 064-23 Appendix F Preamble**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
*Kiteboarding course races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. The term 'boat' elsewhere in the ~~racing~~ **rules** means 'kiteboard' or 'boat' as appropriate.*
- 065-23 Appendix F Definition Keep Clear**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve
- 066-23 Appendix F Definition Mark-Room**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve
- 067-23 Rule F2 18.1(b)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve
- 068-23 Rule F2 18.2(c)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve
- 069-23 Rule F2.18.3 and Part 4 Rules Deleted**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
18.3 Tacking ~~and or~~ Gybing **in the Zone**
- When an inside overlapped right-of-way kiteboard must change tack at a mark to sail her proper course, until she changes tack she shall sail no farther from the mark than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate mark or a finishing mark and a kiteboard shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another kiteboard was affected by the breach of this rule.
- 070-23 Rule F2 18.3**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
- 071-23 Rule F2 18.3**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

072-23 Rule F2 20.4
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

073-23 Rule F3 31
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

074-23 Rule F4 44.2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making ~~a 360° one~~ turn with her hull appendage in the water **with no requirement for a tack or gybe.** ~~The turn shall include one completed tack and one completed gybe.~~ When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull and competitor shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.

075-23 Rule F5 61.1(a)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

076-23 Rule F5 63
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

077-23 Rule F5 64
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
The Committee does not consider this is the way to fix the problem and does not fix the intended issue.

078-23 Appendix G.1.2 (a) Regular typeface A
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

079-23 Appendix H1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

080-23 Appendix H1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

H1 Items of clothing and equipment to be weighed shall be arranged on a rack/~~hook/ hanger system~~. After being saturated in **fresh** water the items shall be allowed to drain freely for one minute before being weighed. The **rack arrangement** must allow ~~the water to drain freely from~~ the items, ~~i.e. to hang the items to hang~~ as they would hang from clothes hangers, ~~so as to allow the water to drain freely~~. Pockets that have drain-holes that cannot be closed shall be empty, but pockets or items that can hold water shall be full.

081-23 **New Rule J1.2(6)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

(6) ~~[a statement]~~ **that rule 90.3(e) will apply, and any change in the '24 hours' time limit in that rule;**

082-23 **Rule M1, M2, M3, M4, M6 and M7**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Insert M5 Discretionary Penalties as added by Submission 032-22.

Renumber Misconduct as M6, M6.1 etc.

083-23 **Rule N1.4(b)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject

084-23 **Appendix P, rule P1.2**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

P1.2 ~~If an observer appointed under rule P1.1~~ **decides that a boat has broken who** ~~sees a boat breaking~~ **rule 42, the boat may be penalized by** ~~may penalize her,~~ as soon as reasonably possible **displaying a yellow flag, making a one long sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her, and clearly identifying her by hailing,** ~~penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number,~~ even if she is no longer **racing**. A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident.

085-23 **Appendix T, Preamble**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Approve

086-23 **Rule T1(b)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee
Other Committee:
Decision: Reject
The current system gives an equitable penalty for all and is easier to explain. This can be changed in Appendix T if an event considers the default penalty is not appropriate.

087-23 **Appendix TS, Traffic Separation Schemes**

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

088-23

Regulation 25.8.13 – Rules J1.1(7) – N 1.10

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Submission withdrawn

089-23

Gender Neutral Language in the Racing Rules of Sailing

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

Reject in favour of 042-22. However, the version from Australia should be worked on and presented as a submission next year.

090-23

New Case Based on Q&A 2021 AH

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

091-23

New Case Based on Q&A 2021.006

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

CASE XXX

Rule 21.2, Starting Errors; Taking Penalties; Backing a Sail

Rule 23.2, Interfering with Another Boat

Rule 44.2, Penalties at the Time of an Incident: One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalty

After getting well clear, a ~~4~~ boat making penalty turns that interrupts her turns for just the time she needs to comply with rule 21.2 has made her penalty turns 'promptly'. When a boat interferes with a boat taking a penalty, she breaks rule 23.2 if she was not sailing her proper course at that time.

092-23

New Case Rule 19

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

093-23

New Case Rule 28.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Submission withdrawn

094-23

Match Racing Callbook E11

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

095-23

Match Racing Call G2

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

096-23

Case 145 Revised

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

The Committee acknowledges that there is an issue of interpretation, but the proposed Case is not suitable (and nor should the current Case 145 remain). The WP recommends the current Case is withdrawn and further work is undertaken on the rule.

Case 145 is withdrawn as a consequence of this decision.

097-23

Match Racing Call A5

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Submission withdrawn

201-23

Definition 'Rule'

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

The Committee would support a submission for an urgent RRS change in early next year to amend rule 86.1.

202-23

Rule 16.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

This is not the solution to the problem and this wording creates other issues.

203-23

Rule 40

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Reject Options 1 and 2. Approve Option 3 as follows:

40.2 When Rule 40.1 Applies

Rule 40.1 applies

- (a) if flag Y was displayed afloat with one sound before or with the warning signal, while *racing* in that race; or
- (b) if flag Y was displayed ashore with one sound, at all times while afloat that day.

~~However,~~ **Also,** rule 40.1 applies when so stated in the **class rules**, notice of race or sailing instructions.

204-23

Rule 89.2(a)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

205-23

Rule 91(a)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- (a) a committee appointed by the organizing authority or race committee. **A national authority may prescribe a minimum number of committee members and their qualifications for races specified events within its jurisdiction;**

206-23

Appendix B Preamble

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

*Windsurfing fleet races (including marathon races) shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. The term 'boat' elsewhere in the ~~racing~~ **rules** means 'board' or 'boat' as appropriate. A marathon race is a race intended to last more than one hour.*

207-23

Rule D1.2(a)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

208-23

Rule D1.2(c)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Delete rule D1.2(c).

Change rule D2.1 as follows:

D2.1 When Rule D2 Applies: Redress and Breakdowns.

- (a)** Rule D2 applies to umpired races. Races to be umpired shall be identified in the notice of race or sailing instructions or by the display of flag J no later than the warning signal.

- (b) A boat requesting redress for an incident in the racing area or requesting a breakdown score change under rule D5.2 shall conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident or breakdown. She shall display the red flag until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire.**

Change rule D5.2 as follows:

When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request a score change ~~by displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire.~~ If possible, she shall continue racing.

209-23

Rules D4.2(a) and D4.5(b)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

Proposal 3

D4.3 Scoring a Round-Robin Stage

[...]

- (c) Results from a previous round-robin stage shall only be carried forward if stated in the **notice of race or** sailing instructions.

210-23

Rule N1.4(b)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

N1.4 (b) The chairman of a jury may appoint panels of at least three members each, of which the majority shall be International Judges. Members of each panel shall be from at least three different national authorities except in Groups M, N and Q, where they shall be from at least two different national authorities. If dissatisfied with a panel's decision, a *party* is entitled to a hearing by a panel composed in compliance with rules N1.1, N1.2 and N1.3, except concerning facts found, if requested within 30 minutes, or the time limit specified in the sailing instructions, **after being informed of the decision.**

211-23

Rule R2.1(c)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve with the following amendment

- (c) when the protest committee fails to comply with ~~rule 65~~ **rule s 65.1 and 65.2**, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence.

212-23

Appendix S9.1

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

213-23

Rule D1.1(e)

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Approve

214-23

Rule B5.62

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

215-23

New Case Additional Requirements for Hails for Room to Tack

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

This should be an umpired fleet racing call. The Committee will begin the work to produce one, and look at a joint call book.

216-23

Rule F2 14

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules Committee

Other Committee:

Decision: Reject

Rejected because 012-23 has been approved.

Recommendations to Council

001-23 **Racing Rules - Regulations 19.7, 20.4.3, 28.2.6 and 29.2.5**

Reporting Committee: Constitution

Other Committee: Racing Rules

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

Approve Proposals 1, 3 and 4.

Amend Proposal 2 as follows:

20.4.3 At all World Sailing events and at the World Cup Final events a bib, or its equivalent, shall be worn by the Competitors in accordance with the notice of race ~~and or sailing instructions~~. Advertising displayed on such bib, or its equivalent, is reserved for World Sailing unless previously agreed otherwise with World Sailing in writing.

In the RRS Terminology, amend "Revision" section to refer to notice of race only.

108-23 **Olympic Sailing Competition**

Appointment of Olympic Race Officials

Reporting Committee: Race Officials

Other Committee: Constitution, Events, Racing Rules

Opinion: Approve with the following amendment

23.3.1 The Board shall appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Olympic Jury, **Principal Race Officer and Deputy Principal Race Officer of the Olympic Race Committee, Chief Umpire and Deputy Chief Umpire of Olympic Medal Racing, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Olympic Technical Committee** after having considered the recommendations of the Event Appointment Working Party, ~~and~~ the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee, **and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee**. No recommendation from a person with a conflict of interest shall be considered.

119-23 **Equipment Rules of Sailing**

ERS Introduction, Abbreviations

Reporting Committee: Equipment Committee

Other Committee: Racing Rules, Classes

Opinion: Reject

The definition of TC should be amended to eliminate reference to RRS 92.

124-23 **Equipment Rules of Sailing**

C.2.5 Event Class Rules Authority

Reporting Committee: Equipment Committee

Other Committee: Classes, Racing Rules

Opinion: No opinion

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