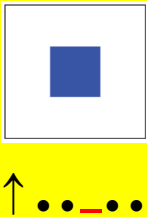


## 2021 Racing Rules Committee – Decisions

This “yellow paper” is a summary of the Decisions & Recommendations made at the Racing Rules Committee meeting on 26 October 2021.

### Decisions

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| 024-21 | <p><b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Gate</b><br/> <b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br/> Other Committee: Race Officials<br/> <u>Decision: Reject</u><br/> The absence of a definition has not led to any problems that the Committee is aware of.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 025-21 | <p><b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Race Signals AP/A, AP/H, N/A, N/H</b><br/> <b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br/> Other Committee: Race Officials<br/> <u>Decision: Reject</u><br/> The new text proposed does not apply to all kinds of racing (for example, keelboats do not return to shore). It is inappropriate to add a rule into Race Signals.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 026-21 | <p><b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Definition Finish</b><br/> <b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br/> Other Committee: Race Officials<br/> <u>Decision: Reject</u><br/> A wider review of the issues arising from the new Definition Finish, Sail the Course and rule 28 needs to be undertaken. It is inappropriate to make an urgent rule change now.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 027-21 | <p><b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 32</b><br/> <b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br/> Other Committee: Race Officials<br/> <u>Decision: Approve with amendment:</u></p> <p>32.2      <u>To shorten the course, the race committee shall display flag S with two sounds before the first boat crosses the finishing line. <del>The two sounds shall be repeated as boats near the finishing line.</del> If the <u>course is shortened</u> race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a)      at a rounding <i>mark</i>, between the <i>mark</i> and a staff displaying flag S;</li> <li>(b)      a line the course requires boats to cross; or</li> <li>(c)      at a gate, between the gate <i>marks</i>.</li> </ul> <p><del>The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.</del></p> <p><b>Shortened Course</b></p>  |

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|        | <del>S – Shortened course.</del><br><del>Two sounds repeated as required by rule 32.2.</del><br><del>S – The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.</del>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 028-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 44</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Reject</u><br>More research amongst the community needs to be undertaken.                                                                                                                                       |
| 029-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 44.3</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Approve with amendment:</u><br>Amend so that rule 44.3(a) starts with “If specified by the notice of race or sailing instructions,…”                                                                          |
| 030-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule A10 - RAF</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Reject</u><br>This would create a third abbreviation for a boat not finishing (DNF, RET and RAF). The Committee supports reviewing the use of abbreviations overall.                                     |
| 031-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Reject</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 033-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – New Case</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Approve</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 035-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Terminology</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Reject</u><br>The Committee supports the concept but the current proposal needs further work. In particular, the rules may need to accommodate conflicts between different languages which are not English. |
| 036-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 34</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Approve</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 037-21 | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 86.1(a) and (b)</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Approve</u>                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>038-21</b> | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 90.3</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Approve</u>                                                                                                             |
| <b>039-21</b> | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule D1.1(a)</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Approve</u><br>The Committee approves an urgent rule change with effect from 1 January 2022 under Regulation 28.1.2. |
| <b>040-21</b> | <b>Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 69.2(k)</b><br><b>Reporting Committee: Racing Rules</b><br>Other Committee: Race Officials<br><u>Decision: Approve</u>                                                                                                          |

### **Recommendation Not Based on Submission**

#### **RRS-ERS Joint Working Party**

The Committee recommends to Council that it approves the appointment of a joint working party between the Racing Rules Committee and the Equipment Rules Sub-committee under Regulation 5.5.1(c).

The remit of the joint working party shall be to:

- 1) Rationalise rules relating to equipment and its use to ensure consistent definitions and interpretations and clearer lines of responsibility
- 2) Study options to incorporate the ERS into the RRS
- 3) Resolve conflicts between the RRS and ERS
- 4) Advise the RRC on other submissions about rules involving equipment-related rules in the RRS

The members of the joint working party shall be appointed jointly by the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee and Equipment Rules Sub-committee.”

**Authenticated by email**

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**27 October 2021**