

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule F2 18 – Urgent Changes

A submission from the German Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

Remove an unintended consequence from a change to rule F2 18

Proposal 1:

Change the last sentence of rule F2.18.1 as follows:

Rule 18 no longer applies between kiteboards when **either kiteboard referred to in this rule changes tack or** *mark-room* has been given.

Current Position 1:

As above.

Proposal 2:

Add new rule F2.18.2(b):

- (b) **Rule 18.2(a) no longer applies if either kiteboard referred to in this rule changes tack.**

Renumber the rest of rule F2.18.2 accordingly.

Current Position 2:

None. The proposed rule is new.

Proposal 3

Add the following sentence to rule F2 18.2(a):

When a kiteboard is required to give *mark-room* by this rule, she shall continue to do so for as long as this rule applies, even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins.

Current Position 3:

None. The proposed rule is new.

Proposal 4:

If approved, the proposals shall take effect as an urgent rule change on 1 January 2025.

Current Position 4:

Any rule change will normally take effect on 1 January 2029.

Reason

1. The intention of the rule F2 18.1 has always been that rule 18 does not apply between kiteboards on opposite tack. The change to rule F2 18.1(a) contained in Submission 067-23 removes the ambiguity how to handle the situation where the kiteboards are on opposite tacks when entering the zone but one of them changes tack within the zone.
 2. However, the change created a new loophole for the case that kiteboards are on the same tack when entering the zone on the same tack but one of them changes tack inside the zone. This was not intended and leads to undesired consequences. One of the intentions of rule F2 18.1 has always been not to prevent kiteboards from tacking or gybing inside the zone because this easily creates dangerous situations which are likely to result in contacts and tangles.
 3. Proposals 1 and 2 try to solve this problem and bring rule F2 18.1 back to the intended application. Please note that the two proposals mutually exclude each other.
 4. The sentence in Proposal 3 was added to rule 18 for the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing. Since the word 'thereafter' was deleted in rule F2 18.2(a)(1) and (2), the new sentence should also be added to rule F2 18.2 to clarify that the obligation to give mark-room continues to apply after entering the zone.
 5. If the proposals are approved, it is proposed that the Racing Rules Committee should approve this as an urgent rule change from 1 January 2025 by a 75% majority (and the Board will be requested to consent as well as per the Regulations).
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