

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule F2 19 – Urgent Change

A submission from the German Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To align rule F2 19 with rule F2 16.1 for consistency

Proposal 1:

19 ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION

Rule 19.2(a) is changed to:

- (a) A right-of-way kiteboard may choose to pass an *obstruction* on her port or starboard side. If a right-of-way kiteboard changes course or the position of her kite when choosing on which side to pass the *obstruction*, she shall give the other kiteboard *room* to ~~keep clear~~ **continue keeping clear**.

Current Position 1:

As above.

Proposal 2

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

Current Position 2

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

Reason

1. As described in Submission 008-23, Reason 2, the newly introduced second sentence of rule 19.2(a) has to be understood as an obligation for the boat entitled to room at an obstruction which is parallel to rule 16.1. Therefore, the wording is mostly identical.
 2. However, the changed wording in F2 19 is not consistent with the wording of F2 16.1. This might lead to unnecessary discussions whether those two rules have to be interpreted differently.
 3. Proposal 1 aligns F2 19 and F2 16.1 and clarifies that the kiteboard required to keep clear and to give mark-room must keep clear throughout the entire time when his rule applies.
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4. If Proposal 1 is 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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