

The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012

Changes made on 1 January 2010

As a result of actions taken by the ISAF Racing Rules Committee and the ISAF Council during the 2009 ISAF Annual Conference, several changes in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012* were made on 1 January 2010.

Dick Rose, one of US SAILING's delegates to the ISAF Racing Rules Committee, said of these changes: "With one exception, these are not major changes. They primarily affect team and match racing, as well as some events in which the display of advertising is an issue. The change in the definition Party is the one exception. It legitimizes a useful new tool that will enable improvement and simplification of the hearing of requests for redress. Recreational racers will almost never encounter a situation in which one of these changes would affect how they sail their boats."

Rule 18.2(c) will be changed to eliminate a newly discovered and potentially dangerous tactic that was an unintended consequence of the current wording of this rule. Under the 2009 version of the rule, in some circumstances at an off-wind mark a boat that owed mark-room to another boat could instead become entitled to mark-room by passing head to wind and becoming overlapped inside the other boat. The revised rule eliminates this tactic. A parallel change in rule B3.1(c) outlaws a similar tactic in a sailboard race.

The definition Obstruction will be changed so that a boat racing will no longer be an obstruction to other boats that are required to give her room or mark-room. This change will simplify the analysis of some situations near a mark in which both rules 18 and 19 apply, and it will not otherwise change the 'game'.

Additions will be made to the definition Party to correct unintended omissions. The revised definition will mean that, whenever redress is requested for a boat by the race committee or considered for a boat by the protest committee, that boat will be a party to the resulting hearing. Also, a race committee that requests redress for a boat will also become a party when its request is heard.

A new rule, rule C2.12, will be added to the Match Racing Rules. It will prohibit a tactic at the windward mark that the match racing community does not wish to allow.

After the 2009 rulebook was printed, ISAF revised its Advertising Code and, in so doing, eliminated all references to Category A advertising. References to the Advertising Code in Appendices J, K and L will be changed to make them consistent with the revised Code.

These rule changes are shown in detail below.

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The changes are shown in detail below. Words deleted from a rule are shown struck through and words added are shown in bold and underlined.

Rule 18.2(c):

- (c) When a boat is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins. However, ~~if either boat passes head to wind or~~ if the boat entitled to *mark-room* **passes head to wind or** leaves the *zone*, rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

Definition *Obstruction*:

Obstruction *An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also obstructions. However, a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her, ~~give her room or mark-room~~ or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.*

Definition *Party*:

Party *A party to a hearing: a protestor; a protestee; a boat requesting redress or for which redress is requested by the race committee or considered by the protest committee under rule 60.3(b); a race committee acting under rule 60.2(b); a boat or competitor that may be penalized under rule 69.1; a race committee or ~~an~~ organizing authority in a hearing under rule 62.1(a).*

Appendix B, Rule B3.1(c):

Rule 18.2(c) is changed to:

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Appendix C, Rule C2.12 (a new rule):

C2.12 Rule 18.2(e) is changed to ‘If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat has been unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.’

Appendix J

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J2.2 The sailing instructions shall include those of the following that will apply:

- (1) that **competitor** advertising will be restricted ~~to Category A~~ (see ISAF Regulation 20) and other information related to Regulation 20;

Appendix K

2 ADVERTISING

See ISAF Regulation 20. Include other applicable information related to Regulation 20.

2.1 **Competitor** advertising will be restricted ~~to Category A~~ **as follows:** _____.

See ISAF Regulation ~~20.3(d)~~20.

2.2 Boats ~~may~~ **[shall] [may]** be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

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