

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Cases – Regulation 28.3.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To move seventeen Q&As into the Case Book as permitted by Regulation 28.3.6. Regulation 28.3.6 states that Questions and Answers published on the website by the Question and Answer Panel will normally be removed from the website no later than 1 January in the year in which a revised rulebook is published. That same regulation contemplates that some of the published Q&As will become cases – presumably the Q&As containing the most important or helpful interpretations of the racing rules. In the opinion of the Q&A Panel, seventeen Q&As are deserving of the more permanent status as authoritative ISAF interpretations that they would have if they were included in *The Case Book for 2013 – 2016*.

Proposal 1

Q&A B 004 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A B 004.

Reason

To clarify the rights and obligations of boats at obstructions.

Proposal 2

Q&A B 011 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A B 011.

Reason

Helpful interpretation of a situation that often occurs on a beat to windward in a large fleet when three overlapped boats on port tack are approaching an obstruction which is a boat on starboard tack.

Proposal 3

Q&A B 017 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A B 017.

Reason

To show how rule 18.3 applies when two boats tack in the zone to leeward of a third boat that is fetching the mark. Note that considerable editing will be required in light of the changes in rule 18.3 that will be made on 1/1/2013.

Proposal 4

Q&A B 024 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A B 024.

Reason

This Q&A reinforces an important principle concerning avoiding contact and minimizing damage.

Proposal 5

Q&A C 003 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A C 003.

Reason

Clarification of the requirements of a boat passing a starting line limit mark. Note that considerable editing will be required in light of the changes in rule 28 that will be made on 1/1/2013.

Proposal 6

Q&A D 006 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A D 006.

Reason

Clarification of the rights and obligations between a boat that started properly and another boat that was OCS.

Proposal 7

Q&A E 001 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A E 001.

Reason

Answers a frequently asked question: 'When has a boat cleared the finishing line and finishing marks?'

Proposal 8

Q&A E 002 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A E 002.

Reason

Clarifies race committee procedures when a boat passes a finishing line mark on the wrong side or touches a finishes line mark.

Proposal 9

Q&A E 005 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A E 005.

Reason

The Q&A provides helpful clarifications of how the rules apply to situations that can occur when a sailing instruction requires boats to finish contrary to the definition *Finish*.

Proposal 10

Q&A E 006 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A E 006.

Reason

An interpretation of the definition *Finish* and rule 28 when the race committee shortens the course and positions itself at the 'wrong' end of the finishing line.

Proposal 11

Q&A G 010 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A G 010.

Reason

The proposed case would answer two frequently answered questions: At what moment in time is a signal 'displayed'? At what moment in time is a signal 'removed'?

Proposal 12

Q&A G 012 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A G 012.

Reason

The proposed case interprets the meaning of 'promptly' in rule 29.1 and provides guidance to a protest committee when redress is requested because flag X was not displayed promptly.

Proposal 13

Q&A J 013 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A J 013.

Reason

The proposed case provides a helpful interpretation of the phrase 'damage . . . that is obvious to the boats involved' in rule 60.1(a)(3).

Proposal 14

Q&A J 021 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A J 021.

Reason

The proposed case provides helpful answers to how the rules apply to certain protests involving measurement or equipment inspection.

Proposal 15

Q&A M 001 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A M 001.

Reason

The proposed case answers the frequently asked question: 'When is a boat on a beat to windward?'

Proposal 16

Q&A M 006 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A M 006.

Reason

An interpretation of the meaning of 'changes course' as used in rule 16.

Proposal 17

Q&A M 009 to be reformatted by the Case Book Working Party as a new case to be published in *The Case Book for 2013-2016*.

Current Position

Current Q&A M 009.

Reason

An interpretation of the definition *Proper Course*.

Note applicable to all the proposals above: When the Case Book Working Party reformats these Q&As as cases, it should also edit them to conform to changes in the racing rules that will take effect on 1/1/2013.