

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Terminology and Rules 41(b) and 42.3(g)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To add a sentence to terminology to help readers understand the term ‘vessel’, and to make changes in the wording of rules 41(b) and 42.3(g) to align each of those rules with its intended meaning.

#### Proposal

**Terminology** A term used in the sense stated in the Definitions is printed in italics or, in preambles, in bold italics (for example, *racing* and ***racing***). ‘Racing rule’ means a rule in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. ‘Boat’ means a sailboat and the crew on board; **‘vessel’ means any boat or ship.** ‘Race committee’ includes any person or committee performing a race committee function. A ‘change’ to a *rule* includes an addition to it or deletion of all or part of it. ‘National authority’ means an ISAF member national authority. Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

#### **41 OUTSIDE HELP**

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except

- (a) help for an ill or injured crew member;
- (b) after a collision, help from the crew of the other **vessel** ~~boat~~ to get clear;
- (c) help in the form of information freely available to all boats;
- (d) unsolicited information from a disinterested source, which may be another boat in the same race.

#### **42 PROPULSION**

##### **42.3 Exceptions**

- (g) To get clear after grounding or colliding with **a vessel** ~~another boat~~ or object, a boat may use force applied by **her crew or** the crew of **the other vessel** ~~either boat~~ and any equipment other than a propulsion engine.

#### Current Position

As above.

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Reason

The Terminology paragraph in the Introduction states that when the term 'boat' is used it means 'a sailboat and the crew on board'. The term 'vessel' is used in several rules where its intended meaning is 'any boat or ship'. Adding that meaning of 'vessel' to Terminology will be helpful to readers.

A recently published Q&A, Q&A M 12 (Q&A 2011-014), points out that the wording in rules 41(b) and 42.3(g) involving the term 'boat' is not appropriate given the intended meanings of the rules. Each of these rules is intended to apply when a boat racing has collided with any vessel, whether or not that vessel is another sailboat. However, that intention is not clear from the current wording of those rules. The proposal aligns each rule with its intended meaning.