

Racing Rules of Sailing

New exception to Rule 42 – Offshore Classes

A submission from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

Proposal

RRS 42.3(i) “In Regattas for Offshore Classes, this rule will not apply”

Current Position

None

Reason

RRS 42 is a very useful rule for dinghies and many other classes where a low displacement of the boat can determine to acquire advantage using this propulsion rule, however it seems not useful for boats of a high displacement due to logical reasons of manoeuvre.

Using RRS42 in offshore classes the competition can be altered unnecessary.

Many International Classes permit in their Class Rules the exceptions to the use of RRS42 when - under special circumstances of the wind – it seems a boat cannot acquire significant advantage. Following this criteria the RRS42 should be not apply in offshore races.
