

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Appendix C

A joint submission from the Chairmen of the Match Racing Committee and Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

Under rule 86.2, ISAF has approved several rule changes to the Alpari World Match Racing Tour. These changed rules have been tested over the past years. There has been positive feedback from sailors as well as from race officials. Some of the proposed changes have, whilst making the game easier, modified the game of match racing in a way that makes it difficult for sailors as well as umpires to operate under the different sets of rules being used at different event. The purpose of this urgent submission is to even the playing field and make sailing and umpiring more consistent from one event to another.

The objective is to make the game better, to make the game easier, to make the game more understandable for everybody, and to make the game easier to umpire - thus creating consistency.

#### Proposal

Please consider these changes to be of clear necessity and pressing importance and make them effective on 1 January 2015 (see Regulation 28.1.2).

Delete current rule C2.9 and replace with:

**C2.9** Rule 22.3 is **deleted**. ~~changed to: ‘A boat moving astern through the water shall keep clear of one that is not.’~~

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

1. The submission is urgent; we need to have the same rules for match racing at all events.
  2. The proposal is a follow-up of the change to rule C2.9 in 2013. At that time it was felt that deleting rule 22.3 had not been tested enough, however, there is now a clear majority amongst sailors as well as umpires to make this change as soon as possible.
  3. Making this change will make match racing easier to understand.
  4. Making this change will make umpiring match racing more consistent.
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