

## Racing Rules Committee Minutes



**The Racing Rules Committee met at 09:00 – 18:00 hours on Tuesday 9 November 2010 at the Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens, Greece**

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### Present:

|                                 |   |
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| David Tillett - Chairman        | Jack Lloyd  |
| Bernard Bonneau – Vice-Chairman | Marianne Middelthon                                   |
| Bjorn Anker-Møller              | Bill O'Hara   |
| Jim Capron                      | Dick Rose   |
| John Doerr                      | Bo Samuelsson   |
| Kamen Fillyov                   | Katsumi Shibamura                                     |
| Ulrich Finckh                   | Ana Sánchez del Campo Ferrer                          |
| Luciano Giacomi                 | Leo Pieter Stoel                                      |
| Rick Hatch                      | Richard Thompson                                      |
| Nelson Horn Ilha                | Zofia Truchanowicz                                    |
| Oleg Ilyin                      | John Parrish, Race Officials Committee Representative |

### Apologies:

Eric Tulla – Vice-President  
Carlos Gastelu

## 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Racing Rules Committee meeting in Athens

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

### (a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Racing Rules Committee meeting of Tuesday 10 November 2009. The minutes can be downloaded at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings).

### (b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

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### 3. Items Deferred from November 2009

(a) Submission 146-09

The Committee reconsidered deferred submission 146-09 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Rule A5.

Recommendation To Council: *Defer*

*More discussion required.*

(b) Submission 165-09

The Committee reconsider deferred submission 165-09 from US SAILING Definition Proper Course.

Submission Withdrawn.

(c) Submission 167-09

The Committee reconsidered deferred submission 167-09 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about New Case, Rule 16.1, Rule 18.2.

Recommendation to Council: *Approve with the following amendment*

*The revised version sent by e-mail to the ISAF RRC on 21 September 2010 with the following edit: In the Assumed Facts for Question 3, change the second sentence to: "When approaching the starting line to start, L and W are overlapped on starboard tack." The complete text of the edited case is shown below. Case Book working party to review consistent use of "space" and "room".*

(d) Submission 177-09

The Committee reconsidered deferred submission 177-09 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Call Book for Match Racing New Call MR40

Recommendation to Council: *Approve with the following amendment*

*The complete text of the edited case is shown below.*

(e) Submission 181-09

The Committee reconsider deferred submission 181-09 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about the Call Book for Team Racing, New Call E9.

Recommendation to Council: *Approve*

### 4. Approval of the Rule Book by Council at the Mid Year Meeting

The Committee receive a progress report from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee.

### 5. References to Specific Racing Rules in the Regulations - Housekeeping

(a) Submission 013-10

The Committee considered submission 013-10 from the Executive Committee about Organizing Authority - Reference in Regulations.

Recommendation to Council: *Reject*

*Prefer Submission 044-10*

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- (b) Submission 044-10

The Committee considered submission 044-10 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about Racing Rules of Sailing – References to Specific Racing Rules in the Regulations – Housekeeping.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

### 6. Advertising Code

- (a) Submission 015-10

The Committee considered submission 015-10 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Advertising Code – Regulation 20.

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

*Accept with Executive Committee's amendments. If submission 016-10 is approved, then regulation 20.8.3 will be deleted.*

- (b) Submission 017-10

The Committee considered submission 017-10 from the International 470 Class Association about ISAF Advertising Code – Sail Stickers for Sailor Identification.

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Unnecessary – See Submission 015-10*

### 7. ISAF Constitution

- (a) Submission 039-10

The Committee considered submission 039-10 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about ISAF Constitution – Article 46.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

### 8. ISAF Regulations

- (a) Submission 045-10

The Committee considered submission 045-10 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about ISAF Regulations – Regulation 31.1.2.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

*Request Constitution Committee review the words for consistency with 039-10.*

- (b) Submission 046-10

The Committee considered submission 046-10 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about ISAF Regulations – Regulation 31.1.4.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

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- (c) Submission 047-10

The Committee considered submission 047-10 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee about ISAF Regulations – Regulation 32.1.2.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

*Request Constitution Committee review the words for consistency with 039-10.*

## 9. The Equipment Rules of Sailing

The Committee considered the following submissions:

- (a) Submission 067-10 - Introduction – Pre-amble  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (b) Submission 068-10 - Introduction – Terminology  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (c) Submission 069-10 - Introduction – Status  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (d) Submission 070-10 - Introduction – Applicability  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (e) Submission 071-10 - Introduction – Changes  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (f) Submission 072-10 - Part 1 – Use of Equipment and New Appendix 1  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (g) Submission 073-10 - B.10 Centre of Gravity  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (h) Submission 074-10 - New B1 – Position of Equipment  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (i) Submission 075-10 - C.2.1 Class Rules  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (j) Submission 076-10 - C.3.2 Certify  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (k) Submission 077-10 - C.3.3 Certificate  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (l) Submission 078-10 - C.3.4 Certification Mark  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (m) Submission 079-10 - C.4.4 Official Measurer  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

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- (n) Submission 080-10 - C.5.4 Personal Flotation Device  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (o) Submission 081-10 - C.6.1 Boat  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (p) Submission 082-10 - F.1.4. Spar Types  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (q) Submission 083-10 - G.1.3 Sail Types  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (r) Submission 084-10 - G.1.4(b) Ply  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (s) Submission 085-10 - G.1.4(m) Window  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (t) Submission 086-10 - G.3 Sail Corners  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (u) Submission 087-10 - H.1 Certification Control  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (v) Submission 088-10 - H.5.1 Conditions of Sail  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation
- (w) Submission 089-10 - H.5.3 Excluding Attachments  
Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation

It was noted that some editing may be desirable. Members who wish to suggest edits should send their suggestions to the Chairman.

## 10. The Racing Rules of Sailing

The Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council:

- (a) Submission 145-10 - RS:X International Class Association – In-Depth Study on the Role and Function of International Juries  
Recommendation to Council: Reject
- (b) Submission 146-10 - RS:X International Class Association – ISAF Sailing World Cup Events – International Jury Decisions in Respect of Class Rule Infractions.  
Submission withdrawn.
- (c) Submission 153-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Race Signals  
Recommendation to Council: Reject  
*Instead favour Submission 161-10 as edited*
- (d) Submission 154-10 – US SAILING – Basic Principle, Sportsmanship and the Rules  
Recommendation to Council: Reject  
*Ask US SAILING to make new submission based on comments by ISAF RRC.*

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- (e) Submission 155-10 – US SAILING – Rule 14

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Weakens the principle that sailing is not a contact sport. Also, the proposal for the first three lines of the rule is too complex.*

- (f) Submission 156-10 – Racing Rules Committee – Rule 18.3

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Accept the principle. Improved wording needed.*

- (g) Submission 157-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 20

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Accept the principle, but reject in favour of Submission 158-10.*

- (h) Submission 158-10 – US SAILING – Rule 20 and the Preamble to Section C

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Accept the principle and the rule structure. US SAILING to make new submission in conjunction with RRC Working Party based on comments by RRC.*

- (i) Submission 159-10 – Royal Yachting Association – Part 2 Section C Preamble and Rule 20.3

Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Accept the principle. Ask the RYA to consider relationship between rule 20 and Section C preamble.*

- (j) Submission 160-10 – Danish Sailing association – Part 21.3

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment:

*Approve first part so that the rule will read:*

*"A boat moving astern **through the water** by backing a sail shall keep clear of one that is not"*

*Reject second part of the submission, which proposes deleting the words "by backing a sail".*

- (k) Submission 161-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 25

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment:

*Rule 25.3 edited to read:*

*25.3 A race committee may display a visual signal by using either a flag or other object with a similar appearance.*

- (l) Submission 162-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 33

Recommendation to Council: Approve

*Approve provided Submission 161-10 is accepted; otherwise, reject.*

- (m) Submission 163-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 41

Recommendation to Council: Approve

**Vote: 11 in favour, 10 against.**

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*Subsequent to the Council meeting, the Racing Rules Committee conducted a vote under Regulation 31.1.2 as to whether this proposed rule change was considered to be of “clear necessity or pressing importance”. Vote 13 in favour, 9 against – required three-quarters of votes cast was not achieved.*

- (n) Submission 164-10 – Royal Spanish Sailing Federation – New Exception to Rule 42 – Offshore Classes

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

- (o) Submission 165-10 – Federation Francaise de Voile – Rule 42.3 – Exceptions

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*Accept principle. Better wording required.*

- (p) Submission 166-10 - Royal Yachting Association - Rule 42.3 – Exceptions

*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*

*No change to be made in rule 42.3(h), but amend rule 42.3(g) to read:*

*(g) To get clear after grounding or colliding with another boat or object, a boat may use force applied by the crew of either boat and any equipment, other than a propulsion engine **unless permitted by rule 42.3(h).***

- (q) Submission 167-10 - US SAILING – Rules 44 and 64.1(c)

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*Encourage US SAILING to make a new submission based on comments from the RRC.*

- (r) Submission 168-10 - US SAILING – Rule 44.1

*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*

### **44.1 Taking a Penalty**

*A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 **in an incident** while racing. **She may take** a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31. **Alternatively**, sailing instructions may specify the use of the Scoring Penalty or some other penalty, **in which case the specified penalty shall replace the One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty.***

- (s) Submission 169-10 – US SAILING – Rule 44.1(b)

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

- (t) Submission 170-10 – US SAILING – Rule 44.1(b)

*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*

*Approve Proposal 1. Reject Proposal 2.*

- (u) Submission 171-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 45

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

- (v) Submission 172-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 47.2

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*Agree in principle.*

- (w) Submission 173-10 – US SAILING – Rule 63.6

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

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*Encourage US SAILING to make a new submission based on comments from the RRC*

- (x) Submission 174-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 64.1  
*Recommendation to Council: Reject*  
*See Submission 167-10.*
- (y) Submission 175-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 64.3  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve*
- (z) Submission 176-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 70.1  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve*
- (aa) Submission 177-10 – Racing Rules Committee – Rule 70.3  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*  
*Edit to read: “. . . to which appeals or requests are required to be sent.”*
- (bb) Submission 178-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 71.2  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*  
*Edit to read: “When the national authority decides that there shall be a new hearing, it may appoint the protest committee.”*
- (cc) Submission 179-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule 76.1  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*  
*Split existing rule 76.1 into 76.1 and 76.2. Add two new sentences to rule 76.1. See complete text of edited rule 76 below.*
- (dd) Submission 180-10 – Racing Rules Committee - Rule 81  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*  
*Edit to delete “at its discretion” and to replace “other than” by “except” in the last line.*
- (ee) Submission 181-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Rule 88.1  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*  
*Edited to read: “. . . shall identify the prescriptions that will apply and when they will apply.”*
- (ff) Submission 182-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Introduction, Terminology and Rule 89.1  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment*  
*Accept revision sent by e-mail to RRC on 4 October. See complete text of edited proposal below.*
- (gg) Submission 183-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Rules 91 (b) and N2  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve*
- (hh) Submission 184-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule A11  
*Recommendation to Council: Approve*
- (ii) Submission 185-10 – US SAILING – Rule A1  
*Recommendation to Council: Reject*
- (jj) Submission 186-10 – Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee – Appendix B



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### Recommendation to Council: Defer

*Substantial editing required. Ask that two persons be appointed to work with the RRC Working Party to edit the proposals for reconsideration in November 2011.*

- (kk) Submission 187-10 – International Kiteboarding Association – Appendix BB

### Submission Withdrawn.

- (ll) Submission 188-10 – Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee – Appendix BB

### Recommendation to Council: Reject

*Proposal to be sent to the Appendix BB Working Group and when accepted by that group, to be posted on the website as a revised Experimental Appendix.*

- (mm) Submission 189-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Rule C3.2(a)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (nn) Submission 190-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Rule C7.4(c)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (oo) Submission 191-10 – US SAILING – New Rule D1.1(f)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

*Change the beginning of rule D1.1(f) to: “**Unless deleted by the sailing instructions,** when rule 20 applies....”*

- (pp) Submission 192-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix D – Rule D2.1(d)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (qq) Submission 193-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix D – New Rule D2.1(e)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (rr) Submission 194-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix D – Rule D2.2

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (ss) Submission 195-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix D – Rule D2.2(b)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (tt) Submission 196-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix Rule D2.2(b)(2)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (uu) Submission 197-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Rule D2.2(d)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

*“...by displaying a **white** flag, or both.”*

- (vv) Submission 198-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix D – Rules D2.2 and D2.3

### Recommendation to Council: Approve

- (ww) Submission 199-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix D – Rule D2.3(a)

### Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

*Delete last two sentences and replace them with:*

*“If the protested boat fails to take a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat and shall signal the decision in compliance with rule D2.2(b).”*

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- (xx) Submission 200-10 - Racing Rules Committee – Appendix D – Rule D2.4  
Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment  
*In rule D2.4(a)(1) change “black” to “white”.*
- (yy) Submission 201-10 - Submission 222 (Racing Rules)  
Submissions Withdrawn  
*Withdrawn for discussion of edits with the International Radio Sailing Association Racing Rules Committee and subject to further editing by the RRC Working Party, which may be substantial and require new submissions.*
- (zz) Submissions 223-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule F4  
Recommendation to Council: Reject  
*Improved wording required.*
- (aaa) Submission 224-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rules K21 and L30  
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (bbb) Submission 225-10 – US SAILING – Appendix L, Instruction 11.1  
Recommendation to Council: Reject
- (ccc) Submission 226-10 – US SAILING – Appendix L, Instructions 11.2 and 13  
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- (ddd) Submission 227-10 - Royal Yachting Association – Rule L5.4  
*Submission Withdrawn*
- (eee) Submission 228-10 – Royal Spanish Federation – Appendix N – Intentional Juries  
Recommendation to Council: Reject
- (fff) Submission 229-10 – US SAILING – Definition Exonerate  
Recommendation to Council: Reject  
*Encourage US SAILING to make a new submission based on comments from the RRC.*
- (ggg) Submission 230-10 – US SAILING – Definition Postpone  
Recommendation to Council: Reject
- (hhh) Submission 231-10 – US SAILING – Definition Room  
Recommendation to Council: Approve

## 11. The Case Book

To Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council:

- (a) Submission 232-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing - New Case  
Recommendation to Council: Reject  
*Correct interpretation, but including the case in the Case Book is not necessary.*
- (b) Submission 233-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing -New Case  
Recommendation to Council: Defer

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*Case book Working Party to edit in conjunction with RRC Working Party. The Working Party should consider whether the content of the case should be in Appendix M.*

### **12. The Call Book for Match Racing**

The Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council:

- (a) Submission 234-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call MR 41

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

- (b) Submission 235-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call MR 42

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

*A change of course requires a change of heading.*

- (c) Submission 236-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call UMP 43

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

- (d) Submission 237-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing - The Call Book for Match Racing – New CALL UMP 44

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

- (e) Submission 238-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing - The Call Book for Match Racing – New CALL UMP 45

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

- (f) Submission 239-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call UMP 46

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

- (g) Submission 240-10 - Racing Rules of Sailing - The Call Book for Match Racing – New Call UMP 47

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

### **13. Call Book for Team Racing**

The Committee considered the following submissions and made recommendations to Council:

- (a) Submission 241-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing – The Call Book for Team Racing – New Question to E10

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

- (b) Submission 242-10 – Racing Rules of Sailing – The Call Book for Team Racing – New Question to F2

*Recommendation to Council: Approve*

### **14. ISAF Racing Rules Question & Answer Service**

The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Q&A Panel about the ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service in 2010. The Chairman thanked Tony

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Mooney who was the Chairman of this Working Party for all of his hard work and support over the years. Tony is currently standing down from the Working Party. The Chairman also thanked the Working Party for all of their hard work.

### **15. 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition**

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and the ISAF Events Manager. It was noted that a Documents Working Group had been established to work on the Olympic Sailing Competition and Test Event Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Equipment Regulations, Coach Boat Regulations, etc. The Group consists of:  
John Doer – IJ  
Jan Stage – IU  
Dimitris Dimou – IM  
Rod Carr – LOCOG  
Alastair Fox – ISAF Events Manager  
Jason Smithwick – ISAF Head of Technical & Offshore
- (b) The ISAF Events Manager reported that ISAF had appointed various officials to the 2010 Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta (Observed Event). The Chairman of the Jury, Principle Race Officer and Measurement Chairman for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition were all involved with the Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta.

### **16. Racing Rules Committee Representatives on other Committees**

- (a) Equipment Committee  
The Committee received a verbal report from the Equipment Committee representative.
- (b) Equipment Control Sub-committee  
The Committee received a verbal report from the Equipment Control Sub-committee representative.
- (c) Class Rule Sub-committee  
The Committee received a verbal report from the Class Rule Sub-committee representative.
- (d) Race Officials Committee  
The Committee received a verbal report from the Race Officials Committee representative.
- (e) Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee  
The Committee received a verbal report from the Chairman of the Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee.

### **17. Introductory Rules for Racing**

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the Chairman of the Introductory Rules for Racing Working Party.

### **18. Special Working Parties**

- (a) The Committee receive a progress report from the Section C Working Party made by Dick Rose and Richard Thompson.

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- (b) The Committee received a progress report from the Rule 28 Working Party made by Dick Rose.

### **19. Annual Report**

The Committee noted the Chairman's report to the ISAF Council meeting of 12 November 2010 on the activities of the Racing Rules Committee for the period 1 January to date.

### **20. Any other Business**

Environment Mission and Vision statement

The Chairman noted that the Committee had received a draft Mission and Vision statement paper from Vice-President Teresa Lara, the intention being that such a statement be included prominently in the next edition of the rulebook and other ISAF publications.

Whilst the Racing Rules Committee are not responsible for drafting the statement, they were asked to consider the paper and advise the Chairman in the next few weeks of any comments for passing on to Vice-President, Teresa Lara.

Marianne Middelthon gave a progress report on "The Call Books for Match Racing and Team Racing". The Chairman thanked Marianne for taking on this huge project and for all of her hard work.

The Chairman passed on his apologies on behalf of Vice-President Eric Tulla as he was unable to attend the Racing Rules Committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked the ISAF Staff for all of their hard work and support over the last year. The Chairman also thanked the Working Party for their considerable work throughout the year and preparing for the meeting and the Committee for their attendance and contribution.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Submission 167-09 – Edited Case:

**CASE XXX**

**Rule 16.1, Changing Course**

**Rule 18.2, Mark-Room: Giving Mark-Room**

**Definitions, Mark-Room**

**Definitions, Room**

*When a boat is entitled to room, the space she is entitled to includes space for her to keep clear of or give room to other boats when required to do so by the rules.*

**Assumed Facts for Question 1**

A, B and C are overlapped and on the same tack when the first of them reaches the zone of a mark. A is on the outside, C is on the inside and B is between them.

**Question 1**

Does rule 18.2 require A to give enough space to B to enable B to give mark-room to C?

**Answer 1**

Yes. B must give mark-room to C, and A must give mark-room to B. The definition of mark-room uses the defined term room, and room includes space to manoeuvre in a seamanlike way. The space B needs to manoeuvre in a seamanlike way includes the space she needs to comply with her obligations to C. Therefore rule 18.2 requires A to give B sufficient space for B to give C mark-room.

**Assumed Facts for Question 2**

L, M and W are overlapped and on the same tack with L to leeward, W to windward and M between them. L has no proper course restriction and she luffs.

**Question 2**

Does rule 16.1 require L to give enough room to M to enable M to give room to W to keep clear?

**Answer 2**

Yes. When M changes course to keep clear of L, rule 16.1 requires M to give W room to keep clear. The space M needs to manoeuvre in a seamanlike way includes the space she needs to comply with her obligations to W. Therefore, rule 16.1 requires L to give M sufficient space for M to give W room to keep clear.

**Assumed Facts for Questions 3**

The mark at the starboard end of the starting line is surrounded by navigable water. **When approaching** ~~On their approach to~~ the starting line to start, L and W are overlapped on starboard tack ~~approaching that mark~~. L is to leeward of W and is sailing a course that will pass sufficiently far from the mark that there is space for W to sail between L and the mark. W sails into the space

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that L freely gives. After W is alongside the mark L luffs, and by luffing promptly in response, W keeps clear of L. However, in order to keep clear of L, W is compelled to touch the mark.

### **Question 3**

Does L comply with rule 16.1?

### **Answer 3**

No. W is required to keep clear under rule 11 and, as stated in the preamble to Section C, she is not entitled to room under rule 19 or mark-room under rule 18. However, when L changes course W is entitled to room to keep clear of L under rule 16.1. L's change of course compels W, in keeping clear, to break rule 31. It is not seamanlike to touch a mark and therefore L did not give W space to keep clear in a seamanlike way. L breaks rule 16.1 and, under rule 64.1(c), W is exonerated for her breach of rule 31.

### **Assumed Facts for Question 4**

The same as the facts for Question 3 except that either rule B2.5 applies or rule 31 has been deleted by the sailing instructions, and the mark is a committee boat or other substantial object.

### **Question 4**

Does L comply with rule 16.1?

### **Answer 4**

No. Touching such a mark risks damaging either the boat racing or the committee boat, and taking such a risk is not seamanlike.

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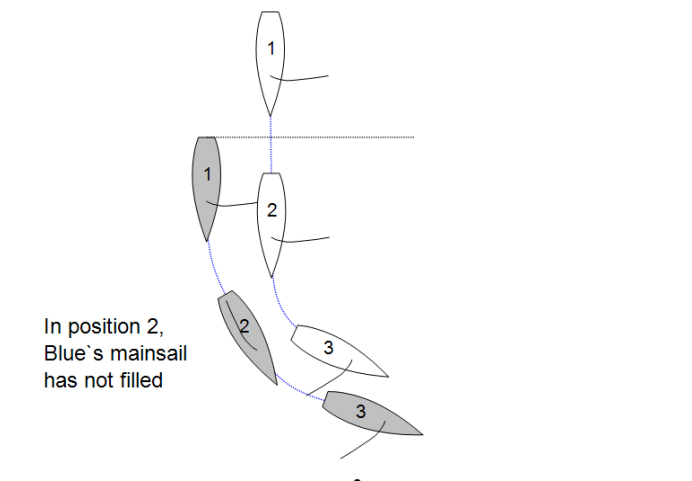
**Submission 177-09 – Edited Call** (Edited portions of call are shown underlined.):

**CALL MR xx**

**Rule 19** Room to Pass an Obstruction

**Rule 64.1(c)** Penalties and Exoneration

**Rule C2.4** While Tacking or Gybing



**Question 1**

Blue and Yellow are sailing directly downwind on starboard tack with Blue clear ahead of Yellow. The boats are heading directly toward a long seawall.

Blue gybes to port when she is at the obstruction. While Blue is gybing Yellow has to alter course to avoid a collision. There is a Y-flag. What should the call be?

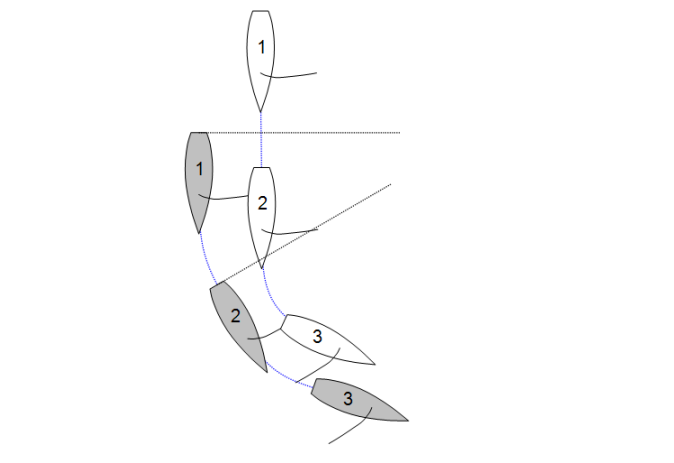
**Answer 1**

Penalize Blue.

While Blue is gybing she must keep clear of Yellow, which she fails to do. Yellow is not obliged to give room until the boats become overlapped and, as Yellow has to take avoiding action before this time, Blue breaks 13.2. Because Blue was not compelled to break rule 13.2, she cannot be exonerated under rule 64.1(c).



## Question 2



Would the answer be different if the boats became overlapped on the same tack before Blue gybed?

## Answer 2

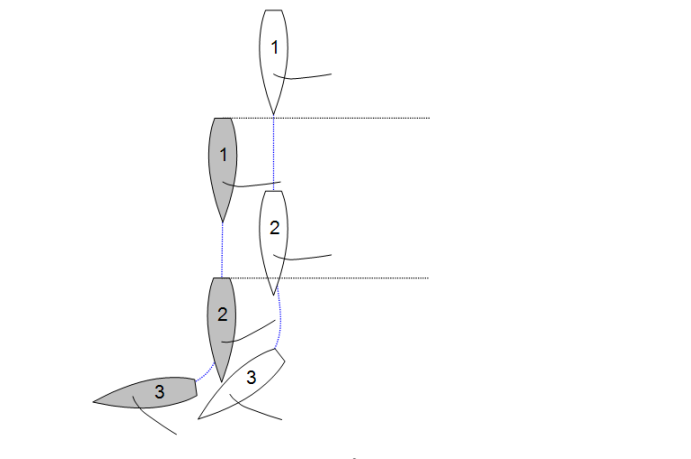
No - penalize Blue.

Before the boats become overlapped, Blue has right of way and can choose to pass the obstruction on either side. As soon as the boats become overlapped, Yellow acquires right of way and now she may choose to pass the obstruction on either side.

When the boats become overlapped Yellow is required by rule 19.2(b) to give Blue room, and Blue is required by rule 11 and then rule 13.2 to keep clear of Yellow. When Blue continues to bear away and gybe, Yellow has to alter course to keep clear of her and Blue breaks rules 11 and 13.2. Blue could have luffed and passed the obstruction on the other side. Blue is not compelled to break rule 11 or rule 13.2 so she cannot be exonerated under rule 64.1(c). Rule 15 does not apply to Yellow as she acquired right of way because of Blue's action.

If, by continuing to bear away Blue compels Yellow to break rule 19, Yellow will be exonerated for that breach under 64.1(c).

### Question 3



When Yellow establishes an overlap, Blue luffs and passes the obstruction on her port side. What should the call be?

### Answer 3

If when Yellow establishes the overlap Blue is not yet passing the continuing obstruction and is able to give room but does not, penalize Blue under rule 19.2(b).

However, if the overlap is established when Blue is passing the continuing obstruction and there is not room for Yellow to pass between Blue and the obstruction, penalize Yellow under rule 19.2(c).

If when Blue luffs she breaks the overlap, rule 19.2(c) will apply while the boats are passing the continuing obstruction and Yellow will only be entitled to room if she re-establishes the overlap and there is room for her to pass between Blue and the continuing obstruction.

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### Submission 179-10 – Edited Proposal

Split existing rule 76.1 into 76.1 and 76.2. Add two new sentences to rule 76.1.

#### 76 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS

- 76.1** The organizing authority or the race committee may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor, subject to rule 76.2, provided it does so before the start of the first race and states the reason for doing so. **On request the boat shall promptly be given the reason in writing. The boat may request redress if she considers that the rejection or exclusion is improper.**

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- 76.2** The organizing authority or the race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor because of advertising, provided the boat or competitor complies with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 76.3** At world and continental championships no entry within stated quotas shall be rejected or cancelled without first obtaining the approval of the relevant international class association (or the Offshore Racing Council) or the ISAF.

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### Submission 182-10 – Edited Proposal:

#### 89.1 Organizing Authority

Races shall be organized by an organizing authority, which shall be

- (a) the ISAF;
- (b) a member national authority of the ISAF;
- (c) an affiliated club or other organization;
- (d) an affiliated organization other than a club and, if so prescribed by the national authority, with the approval of the national authority or in conjunction with an affiliated club;**
- (e) ~~a~~ an unaffiliated class association, either with the approval of the national authority or in conjunction with an affiliated club;
- (f) two or more of the above organizations;**
- (g) an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliated club where the body is owned and controlled by the club. The national authority of the club may prescribe that its approval is required for such an event; or
- (h) if approved by the ISAF and the national authority of the club, an unaffiliated body in conjunction with an affiliated club where the body is not owned and controlled by the club.

**In rule 89.1, an organization is affiliated if it is affiliated to the national authority of the venue; otherwise the organization is unaffiliated. However, if boats will pass through the waters of more than one national authority while racing, an organization is affiliated if it is affiliated to the national authority of one of the ports of call.**