

## **Racing Rules of Sailing**

### Cases 10 and 54

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### **Purpose or Objective**

To continue the withdrawal of Cases 10 and 54 until 1 January 2017, at which time a revised versions of the cases will be published in *The Case Book for 2017-2020*.

#### **Proposal**

##### **CASE 10**

##### **Withdrawn for Revision ~~during 2013~~**

A revised version of the case will be included in *The Case Book for 2017-2020*.

##### **CASE 54**

##### **Withdrawn for Revision ~~during 2013~~**

A revised version of the case will be included in *The Case Book for 2017-2020*.

#### **Current Position**

As above.

#### **Reasons**

In 2012, the Case Book Working Party (CBWP) revised most of the old cases in the Case Book to reflect the changes made in the racing rules on 1 January 2013. Cases 10 and 54 were the only cases that the CBWP did not revise. The working party did not revise those cases because it was split on how to interpret current rule 20's application in them.

During the November 2013 meeting of the Racing Rules Committee (RRC), the CBWP was asked to survey the members of the Racing Rules Committee (RRC) to determine how each member would interpret rule 20's application in Cases 10 and 54. The CBWP did so, and the responses from the RRC indicated that it too was split, just as the CBWP had been, on how to interpret rule 20 in those cases.

The CBWP also asked the members of the RRC how they would change rule 20 so that it would be clear how to apply the rule in Case 54. The RRC gave a clear answer. A submission from US Sailing proposing to change rule 20 as requested by the RRC is in this submission booklet. That submission also changes rule 20 in ways that would affect how the Decision in Case 10 is worded. It could be confusing to readers of the Case Book if substantial revisions of Cases 10 and 54 were made on 1 January 2015 and then again on 1 January 2017. For that reason, until a revised

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version of rule 20 takes effect on 1 January 2017, the CBWP recommends that Cases 10 and 54 remain withdrawn from the Case Book. The proposal will have that effect.