

## ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



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#### Question

When is a boat 'sailing on another leg' with relation to rule 23.2? Some guidance would be helpful for fleet, match and team racing.

#### Answer

For the purpose of a boat taking a penalty in match racing, rule C7.2(c) states when a leg has been completed. That rule only applies to match racing.

Rule 23.2 deals with two-boat situations under match, team and fleet racing rules, and applies on any type of course. Given that, to break rule 23.2, a boat must be sailing a course that is not her proper course, the exact moment when one leg ends and another begins at a mark is rarely likely to be an issue. ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2009/007 offers useful guidance, including the statement that will usually apply when the breach is clear, namely that, after the starting signal, a boat that passes the wrong side of a mark is not on the same leg of the course as a boat that is passing the mark on the required side.

When a keep-clear boat may have broken rule 23.2, she will usually also have broken a rule of Section A, rule 14 or a rule of Section C. Therefore, the question as to whether a boat has broken rule 23.2 alone is likely to arise only with respect to a right-of-way boat.