

To: World Sailing Racing Rules Committee

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Annual Report to the Racing Rules Committee from the Case Book Working Party

After the 2016 Annual Conference in Barcelona, the Case Book Working Party (CBWP) completed a thorough revision of the entire Case Book. Each case was carefully reviewed and edited, if necessary, to bring it into agreement with all the rule changes approved during the 2013-2016 rules cycle. The new *Case Book for 2017-2020* was published on the World Sailing website early in 2017.

As this report is being written in mid-October, the members of the CBWP are considering their recommendations on each of the eight 2017 submissions that propose a new case or a revision to an existing case.

For the first time in many decades, World Sailing decided in 2017 to discontinue publication of a paper edition of *The Case Book*. The book will be available for free download on the World Sailing website.

In the past, in each of the first three years of a four-year rules cycle the CBWP issued a Supplement to the Case Book. The Supplement contained the full text of all new cases approved in the previous year as well as any edits or corrections of errors the WP deemed necessary during that year. The Supplement was, in the past, printed on paper and sent to all World Sailing race officials, but from now on there will no longer be a Supplement issued as a separate paper booklet. Instead *The Case Book* published on the website will be updated early in each of the first three years of the rules cycle to include the material that previously was included in the Supplement. The updated version will be clearly marked so readers can easily determine all the changes that were made in it since the original version of *The Case Book for 2017-2020* appeared on the website in early 2017.