

RACING RULES COMMITTEE

MET AT 0930 – 1800 HOURS ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2005 AT THE
GRAND COPTHORNE WATERFRONT HOTEL, SINGAPORE



Present:

David Tillett – Chairman
Bryan Willis – Vice-Chairman
Bjørn Anker-Møller
Bernard Bonneau
Kamen Fillyov
Josje Hofland-Dominicus
Nelson Horn Ilha
Pertti Lipas
Marianne Middelthon

Bill O'Hara
Richard Rose
Bo Samuelsson
Ana Sánchez Sanchez del Campo Ferrer
Katsumi Shibamura
Leo Pieter Stoel
Richard Thompson
Costas Tsantilis

Apologies:

Carlos Gastelu
Luciano Giacomi

Jack Lloyd

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1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Racing Rules Committee meeting of 9 November 2004 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

(b) Minutes – matters arising

There were no other matters arising.

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2. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER 2004

(a) Deferred Submission 092-04 – Black Flag Rule

The Committee rejected submission 092-04 from the Executive Committee about the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, proposing an amendment to the Black Flag Rule.

Recommendation to Council

Reject. Compromises the purpose of the rule.

(b) Deferred Submission 093-04 – Propulsion

The Committee considered the second part of submission 093-04 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing regarding mandatory inclusion of the adopted procedure (switch on/off for rule 42) in RRS 2009–2012.

Recommendation to Council

See submission 146-05.

3. RACING RULES CASES AND CALLS SUBMISSIONS

The Committee considered submission 005-05 (other committee) from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about changes to ISAF Regulation 31.3.1 regarding making submissions on the Case and Call Books.

Recommendation to Council

Accept.

4. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

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

Number	From	Rule	Racing Rules Committee Recommendation
130-05	RYA	17.2	Defer to the WP. No game change intended, but the wording is to be clarified.
131-05	CSF	18.3	Accept in principle except for change of tense. WP to edit.
132-05	RRC chairman	18.5	Defer to the WP for further study and clarification, also in anticipation of submissions under preparation.
133-05	RYA	28.1	Accept the submission edited as follows. Leave the first sentence of the rule unchanged. Insert a new second sentence 'When a boat must pass through a gate she shall pass between the gate marks in the direction of the course from the

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			previous <i>mark</i> .'
			Through this change, sailing instruction L8.3 may become unnecessary.
134-05	CSF	44.3	Accept as modified. The principle of having to carry through the entire process of taking the penalty is not to be changed. For enhanced clarity, change the current rule as follows: End rule 44.3(a) after 'incident' in the first sentence. Replace rule 44.3(b) with (b) If a boat displays a yellow flag, she shall keep it displayed until <i>finishing</i> and call the ... [as in current rule 44.3(a)] ...
135-05	RRC chairman	54	Reject.
136-05	USSA	63.5	Accept with the word 'protest' deleted from 'protest committee' in the third and fourth sentences.
137-05	USSA	64.1(a), 31.3(new), 44.4	Defer for clarified wording. No game change intended.
138-05	Hobie Class	86.1(c)	Reject. Can cause confusion in multi-class and handicap events.
139-05	BSF, FFV, Funboard Class	B3.1	Accept, reworded as follows: B3.1 (b) Add new rule 16.3: 'In slalom racing, a right-of-way board shall not change course during the last 30 seconds before her starting signal if as a result the other board would have to take action to avoid contact.' (c) Change rule 18.2(a) to When boards are <i>overlapped</i> the outside board shall give the inside board <i>room</i> to round or pass the <i>mark</i> or <i>obstruction</i> , and if the inside board has right of way the outside board shall also <i>keep clear</i> . If they are not <i>overlapped</i> when rule 18 begins to apply, the board <i>clear astern</i> shall thereafter <i>keep clear</i> .
140-05	Funboard Class	B3.2	Accept, reformatted in RRS style.
141-05	Funboard Class	B5.2	Accept, reworded as follows: B5.2 (b) For a subsequent elimination series, if any, boards shall be reassigned to new heats according to the scores in the previous elimination series.

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142-05	MRC chairman	C2.14 (new), 20.3	Reject implementation from 1 January 2006. Defer. Encourage testing.
143-05	RYA	J2.2(3)	Accept.
144-05	RYA	L15.2	Accept, with the last sentence changed to 'This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.'
145-05	RSSF	P2.3	Accept. To be edited by the WP.
146-05	RRC chairman	P4 (new)	<p>Accept for the 2009 rulebook, with new rule P4 changed to read as follows:</p> <p>P4 Flags O and R</p> <p>(a) If the class rules permit pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds a specified limit, the race committee may signal that those actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal. The flag shall be removed at the starting signal.</p> <p>(b) If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a rounding <i>mark</i> to signal that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, to a boat after she has passed the <i>mark</i>.</p> <p>(c) If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O was displayed, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a rounding <i>mark</i> to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the <i>mark</i>.</p> <p>Sailing instruction LE17.6 is to be revised to agree with the above rule.</p>

5. QUICK RELEASE HARNESS AND THE RRS 2005–2008

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

Number	From	Rule	Racing Rules Committee Recommendation
147-05	EC chairman	40.2	<p>Accept so that in the date when the rule takes effect '2006' is changed to '2009'. The RRC voted 14 for, none against, 3 abstentions, which meets the 75% requirement ('three-quarters of the full voting membership') of Regulation 31.1.2.</p> <p>The RRC felt strongly that when advising national authorities, classes, etc., of the deferring of the taking effect of rule 40.2,</p>

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			information about the problem concerning safety, including educational material, be published.
148-05	EC chairman	40.2	Reject. Accepted by a majority vote of 10 for, 6 against, 1 abstention. This does not meet the 75% requirement ('three-quarters of the full voting membership') of Regulation 31.1.2.

6. THE CASE BOOK

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

Number	From	Case	Racing Rules Committee Recommendation
149-05	DSA	New (old 56)	Reject. Not consistent with current rules.
150-05	DSA	New (old 18)	Accept. To be edited by the Case Book WP.
151-05	RYA	New (old 18)	Accept. To be edited by the Case Book WP.
152-05	RYA	New	Accept. To be edited by the Case Book WP.
153-05	RYA	New	Reject. Too long and complex. Encourage an extensively simplified submission in 2006.
154-05	ROC chairman	78	Defer. The Case Book WP to resubmit with revised wording. Add a statement to the effect that the tactics of a boat has a reasonable chance of benefiting her series score.

7. THE CALL BOOK FOR MATCH RACING

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

Number	From	Call	Racing Rules Committee Recommendation
155-05	RRC chairman	MR 39 (new)	Accept. Add rule 16.1 to the list of rules.
156-05	RRC chairman	UMP 38 (new)	Accept with the following changes: Change rule number 20 to 20.3 in the list of rules. Edit the Answer to read Rule 20.3 does not apply because both boats are moving astern by backing a sail. According to the definition Blue is clear astern and therefore required by rule 12 to keep clear. Whether one boat is clear astern of another or overlapped with her does not depend on the direction of motion of either boat.

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157-05	RRC chairman	UMP 9	Accept.
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8. THE CALL BOOK FOR TEAM RACING

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

Number	From	Call	Racing Rules Committee Recommendation
158-05	RRC chairman	D10 (new)	Accept. Add a new second sentence to the Question: 'The mark is to be left to starboard.'
159-05	RRC chairman	L5 (new)	Accept, with the second sentence of Answer 3 changed to It ceases to apply when the boat completes the last required tack or gybe or when she stops taking her penalty before it is complete. In Answer 4, delete the first 'or'.

9. ISAF REGULATIONS THAT COVER THE RACING RULES OF SAILING, CASES AND CALLS

Dick Rose presented a paper on the ISAF regulations affecting the Racing Rules Committee, the Racing Rules of Sailing, and Cases and Calls. The Committee supported the view that the Q and A process should be incorporated into the regulations. The Committee also agreed that the trial call system is actually not being used but the rapid response system, which is not in the regulations, is used and should therefore be incorporated in the regulations. Dick Rose was thanked for his work and asked to continue to work on this project, leading to submissions to be introduced at the appropriate time through a chairman's submission.

Decision

Dick Rose is to draft a proposal for a submission, which will be forwarded to the Racing Rules Committee. The submission is to be developed in consultation with the Constitution Committee, the Question and Answer Panel and the Match and Team Racing Rules WP.

10. RULE 87

The Committee discussed issues arising from (new) rule 87.

Decision

The Chairman of the Committee is to appoint a special temporary working party to analyze the relations of various categories of rules and propose a submission to simplify their interrelationships.

11. EXPERIMENTAL APPENDIX Q

The Committee discussed reports received on the use of Experimental Appendix Q.

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The Committee agreed that the self-policing principle of Sportsmanship and the Rules is to be maintained to the extent possible.

Decision

The Chairman of the Committee is to appoint a special temporary working party to gather information from race officials using umpired fleet racing and to further develop Experimental Appendix Q.

12. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The Committee received a verbal presentation by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman was to continue his work on this project.

13. ISAF Q AND A SERVICE

The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Q and A Panel about the Q and A service in 2005.

- There are currently 25 Q and A's on the website.
- There is an expiry date on each of the Q and A's, which means several will 'come down' quite soon.
- In 2005 the panel processed 19 Questions of which 7 were published.
- The ISAF Secretariat is to create an option of downloading a summary sheet of all Q and A's on the website in addition to the separate files. There should also be a link from the Racing Rules section of the website to the Q and A's.

14. USE OF THE RACING RULES OF SAILING AT EVENTS

The Committee considered the following submission and made the following recommendation to Council:

Number	From	Rule	Racing Rules Committee Recommendation
024-05	Executive	Regulation (new)	The RRC supports the submission in relation to events required to pay a fee to the ISAF (Regulation 18.16) and other major events.

15. RACING RULES COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

(a) Equipment Committee

The Committee received a verbal report from Dick Rose.

(b) Equipment Control Sub-Committee.

The Committee received a verbal report from Dick Rose. Regulation 32.2.1 mentions a working party to consider interpretations of the Equipment Rules of Sailing. This Working Party is to include a representative of the Racing Rules Committee. It was noted that this Working Party had not been established.

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(c) Class Rule Sub-Committee

The Committee received a verbal report from Ana Sánchez. It was agreed that the Racing Rules Committee offers its services in helping classes with the wording of rule 42 exemptions. It was noted that the Committee should be involved early in the process in order to give advice before the final class rule change appears for ISAF approval. It was agreed that Ana Sánchez is to be the Committee liaison person and that the ISAF Technical Department shall make sure that the classes are aware of the help available.

(d) Race Officials Committee

The Committee received a verbal report from the Vice-Chairman who informed the Committee that the Disabled Sailing group would like to incorporate their Classifiers as 'ISAF officials'. This may need quite some thought on application of rules and on handling protests. Proposals will be made.

16. ISAF STRATEGIC PLAN

Presentation

The Committee received a presentation from ISAF Vice-President David Irish and noted the ISAF Strategic Plan.

17. ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee noted the requirement that a Chairman's report is to be made to the ISAF Council meeting of 10 November 2005 on the activities of the Racing Rules Committee for the period 1 January 2005 to date.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.