

**Racing Rules of Sailing – Appendix P**

**New Rule P4**

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Proposal:**

Change the title of Appendix P to:

~~‘Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42~~ **Special Procedures for Rule 42**’.

Change the preamble to

**‘All or part of this** ~~This~~ *appendix applies only if the sailing instructions so state.*’

Add new rule P4:

**P4 Flags O and R**

- (a) If the class rules contain a provision that permits pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds a specified limit, the race committee may display flag O before or with the warning signal to signal that those actions are permitted.
- (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 mark to signal that the actions are permitted to a boat after she has passed the mark.
- (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 mark to signal that rule 42 applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

**Current Position:**

Acting on Submission 093-04, Council approved in May 2005 the proposal of the Racing Rules Committee for the wording of an ‘Off and Restored’ procedure for interim adoption as extracted from Appendix LE – Expanded Sailing Instructions Guide (published 1 January 2005):

*Use the sentence in brackets only if the procedure described changes a class rule. See ISAF Regulation 26.5(f) for conditions on changing class rules by sailing instructions. Insert the class(es) and rule number(s).*

- 17.6** (a) The race committee may display flag O with the warning signal to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are allowed as specified in the class rules
- (b) After the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at any rounding mark to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are allowed as specified in the class rules. This instruction applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.
- (c) If the race committee has acted under instruction 17.6(a) or 17.6(b) and the wind speed becomes less than the limit specified in the class rules, the race committee may display

flag R with repetitive sounds at any rounding mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies. This instruction applies to a boat after she has passed the mark

Reason:

In May 2005, Council approved to defer the remaining part of Submission 093-04 regarding mandatory inclusion of the adopted procedure in the RRS 2009–2012 to the Racing Rules Committee to consider and make a recommendation to Council in November 2005.

The aim is to establish uniform race committee signals and procedure for relaxation of rule 42. Also, quoting from the proposal in Submission 093-04, 'the classes should no longer need to put the "switch on/off" in their class rules but only indicate the wind-speed threshold.' Accordingly the phrase 'as specified in the class rules' appearing in the interim solution has been omitted from the proposed rule.