

Reporting Committee – Racing Rules

Other Committee –

Definitions
Racing Rules of Sailing

A submission from US Sailing

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REASON:

The phrase 'except any that conflict with the rules in this book' is itself in conflict with rule 86.1(c), which permits class rules to change rules 42 and 49 through 54. A class rule that changes one of these rules should be a 'rule', but is not one under the current definition. Also, sections (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the definition contain no similar exception, making it appear in the current text that class rules are different from other rules.