Racing Rules of Sailing
Rule 45

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

45 HAULING OUT; MAKING FAST; ANCHORING
A boat shall be afloat and off moorings at her preparatory signal. Thereafter, she shall not be hauled out or made fast. While racing, a boat shall not be ashore or held in any way that restricts her movement over the ground except to bail out, reef sails or make repairs. She may anchor or the crew may stand on the bottom hold her when standing in the water. She shall recover the anchor before continuing in the race unless she is unable to do so.

Current Position
As above.

Reason
There are problems of interpretation with the current rule. "Moorings" is imprecise even for English speakers. The second and third sentences are contradictory; the words "made fast" mean different things to different people and to most people they include anchoring. The statement that "the crew may stand on the bottom" requires qualification as it says nothing about the boat. This proposal intends to provide clarity and consistency without changing the requirement.