

Racing Rules of Sailing

Introduction

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To provide a clear statement as to where a sailor can find authoritative interpretations of the Racing Rules of Sailing by replacing the current 'Cases and Calls' paragraph in the Introduction to the RRS.

Proposal 1

~~Cases and Calls – World Sailing publishes interpretations of the racing rules in *The Case Book for 2017–2020* and recognizes them as authoritative interpretations and explanations of the rules. It also publishes *The Call Book for Match Racing for 2017–2020* and *The Call Book for Team Racing for 2017–2020*, and it recognizes them as authoritative only for umpired match or team racing. These publications are available on the World Sailing website.~~

Interpretations **World Sailing publishes the following authoritative interpretations of the racing rules:**

- **The World Sailing Case Book.**
- **World Sailing Call Books for disciplines that have a dedicated appendix to the RRS.**
- **World Sailing Interpretations of RRS 42.**

Other interpretations of the racing rules are not authoritative unless approved by World Sailing in accordance with Regulation 28.4. These publications are available on the World Sailing website.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

Details as to authoritative interpretations are currently found in the Regulation 28. The RRS is a publication that sailors and officials use and rely on when it comes to racing rules. Having a clear statement in the RRS guides sailors and officials to the source of authoritative interpretations.

Proposal 2

To include in Proposal 1

- **For RRS that are also Regulations – as published in accordance with World Sailing Regulations.**
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Current Position

None

Reason

It is currently unclear if RRS that are also Regulations, such as RRS 5, 6 and 7 may be interpreted by Cases or Calls and that these rules may be interpreted authoritatively by Constitution Committee. Specific reference to CC and the Reg Number are not included in order to avoid cross referencing issues when Regulations change.
