Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 22.1, 29.1, 30, 44.2, B3.30.2, B4.44.2, B10.29(a), C3.2, C4, C7.2(c), 7.2(d), E3.5, F3.29, F3.30, F4.44.2, and L.

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Make the following consequential changes needed as a result of deleting ‘, crew or equipment’ from the definitions Start and Finish:

Proposal

1. Rule 22.1
   A boat sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions after her starting signal to start or to comply with rule 30.1 shall keep clear of a boat not doing so until the hull is completely on the pre-start side.

2. Rule 29.1
   Individual Recall
   When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of all such boats have sailed completely to is completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions and the boats have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. If rule 29.2, 30.3 or 30.4 applies this rule does not.

3. Rule 30
   30.1 I Flag Rule
   If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before starting she starts.

   30.2 Z Flag Rule
   If flag Z has been displayed, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). She shall be penalized even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. If she is similarly identified during a subsequent attempt to start the same race, she shall receive an additional 20% Scoring Penalty.

   30.3 U Flag Rule
   If flag U has been displayed, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her
starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.

30.4 Black Flag Rule
If a black flag has been displayed, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. If a general recall is signalled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score.

4. Rule 44.2

44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties
After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail her hull shall be completely to on the course side of the line before finishing she finishes.

5. B4.44.2

360°-Turn Penalty
After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a 360°-Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail her hull shall be completely to on the course side of the line before finishing she finishes.

6. B10.29(a)

When at a board’s starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall signal a general recall.

7. C3.2

C3.2 Changes to Related Rules
(a) Rule 29.1 is changed to:
(1) When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions, the race committee shall promptly display a blue or yellow flag identifying the boat with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of the boat is completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions or until two minutes after her starting signal, whichever is earlier.
(2) When after her starting signal a boat any part of her hull crosses sails from the pre-start side to the course side of the starting line across an extension without having started correctly, the race committee shall promptly display a blue or yellow flag identifying the boat. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of the boat is
completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions or until two minutes after her starting signal, whichever is earlier.

8. C4

C4 REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE START

C4.1 At the her preparatory signal, the hull of each boat shall be completely outside the line that is at a 90° angle to the starting line through the starting mark at her assigned end. In the pairing list, the boat listed on the left-hand side is assigned the port end and shall display a blue flag at her stern while racing. The other boat is assigned the starboard end and shall display a yellow flag at her stern while racing.

C4.2 Within the two-minute period following her preparatory signal, the hull of a boat shall cross and clear the starting line, the first time from the course side to the pre-start side.

9. C7.2(c)

(c) A boat completes a leg of the course when any part of her bow hull crosses the extension of the line from the previous mark through the mark she is rounding, or on the last leg when she finishes.

10. C7.2(d)

(d) A penalized boat shall not be recorded as having finished until she takes her penalty and makes her hull is completely on the course side of the line and she then finishes, unless the penalty is cancelled before or after she crosses the finishing line.

11. E3.5

Rule 29.1 is changed to:
When at a boat’s starting signal any part of the boat her hull is on the course side of the starting line or when she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly hail ‘Recall (sail numbers)’. If rule 30.3 or 30.4 applies this rule does not.

12. F3.29 and 30 as follows:

29 RECALLS

In rule 29.1 ‘hull’ ‘crew or equipment’ is changed to ‘hull or competitor’.

30 STARTING PENALTIES

In rules 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4, ‘hull’ ‘crew or equipment’ is changed to ‘hull or competitor’.

[no further changes]

13. F4.44.2

One-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making one turn with her hull in the water. The turn shall include one completed tack and one completed gybe. Forward motion shall be
established between the tack and the gybe (or vice versa) with the competitor on the correct side of the hull in normal sailing position. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, the kiteboard shall sail her hull and competitor shall be completely to on the course side of the line before finishing she finishes.

14. L - SI 11.5

If any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel _____. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Current Position

See above

Reasons

1. To make all the rules and definitions listed in the proposal consistent with the changes made last year that result in the definitions Finish and Start, which mean that boats finish and start and rules associated with finish and start is based on the hull and not the hull, crew and equipment.

2. For kiteboards, the definition Start will not change. It will continue to state that ‘A kiteboard starts when . . . any part of her hull or the competitor crosses the starting line in the direction of the first mark.’ Therefore, in rules 29 and 30 for kiteboards, ‘hull’ should be changed to ‘hull or competitor’.