**Racing Rules of Sailing**

Rule 42.3(c)

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To include the option to permit a single pump or multiple pumps to initiate foiling.

**Proposal**

**Option 1**

(c) Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave), or planing or foiling is possible, the boat’s crew may pull in any sail in order to initiate surfing, or planing or foiling, but each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind.

**Option 2a and 2b – 2b in (c)**

(c) Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave), planing or foiling is possible, the boat’s crew may pull in any sail in order to

1. initiate surfing or planing, but each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind, or

2. **initiate (and maintain) foiling and the sails may be pulled an unlimited number of times.**

**Current Position**

Pumping is not permitted to initiate foiling – unless foiling is interpreted to be a form of planing.

**Reasons**

1. To clarify that pumping is permitted to initiate foiling, similarly to planing.

2. Option 2 would also permit multiple pumps as for many classes a single pump is ineffective for this purpose. If only a single pump is needed, then further pumping would not be permitted, as the boat would already be foiling.

3. The change to the rule avoids the need for the class rules of foiling boats to change RRS 42 for this purpose.