Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 42.3(c)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the wording of a rule that was repeatedly edited in 2018.

Proposal

Change rule 42.3(c) as follows:

(c) When surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave), planning or foiling is possible, the boat’s crew may pull in any sail in order to

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

(2) to initiate foiling, in which case [when] each sail the sails may be pulled in any number of times.

Note: ‘in which case’ and ‘when’ are alternates.

Current Position

The current status of rule 42.3(c) for the 2021-2024 RRS, based on 162-18 and 163-18 is:

(c) When surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave), planning 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 foiling, the sails may be pulled in any number of times.

Reasons

1. With the wording shown above in Current Position, (2) does not fit well with the first two lines of the rule. As a result, (2) is difficult to read, even for an experienced speaker of English. The proposal is intended to fix that problem.

2. There is a typo ‘planning’ should be ‘planing’.