Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 42.3 - Exceptions

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

42.3 Exceptions

(g) To get clear after grounding or colliding with another boat or object, a boat may use force applied by the crew of either boat and any equipment other than a propulsion engine.

(h) Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat complies with rule 42.3(g) and does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

Note: Interpretations of rule 42 are available at the ISAF website (www.sailing.org) or by mail upon request.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Rules experts disagree whether or not the 'stated circumstances' in rule 42.3(h) may include getting clear in the circumstances described in rule 42.3(g). This submission clarifies the matter.