Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule F2.18, Appendix F Definitions ‘Mark-Room’, ‘Zone’ and ‘About to Round or Pass’

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and the International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective
To reinstate standard rule 18 for Kiteboard Racing, including subsequent changes to the Definitions.

Proposal
1. Delete rule F2.18.1
2. Delete rule F2.18.2(b)
3. Delete rule F2.18.2(c)
4. Delete rule F2.18.3
5. Delete rule F2.18.4
6. Delete Appendix F Definition "Mark-Room"
7. Delete Appendix F Definition “About to Round or Pass"
8. Add to Appendix F the Definition “Zone” as follows:

   Zone The area around a mark within a distance of 30m. A kiteboard is in the zone when any part of her hull is in the zone.

Current Position
Current Rule F2.18, RRS Appendix F Definitions "Mark-Room" and "About to Round or Pass"

Reasons
A fixed zone is beneficial to sailors and judges. "About to round or pass" is sometimes only centimetres and therefore difficult to judge, especially given the speed of kiteboards approaching to the mark.

Creating a zone of 30m around the mark allows to sailors enough reaction time to give a mark-room and to avoid the right of way kiteboard in a seamanlike way.

Gates in kiteboard racing competitions are usually set at a width of 60m (due to the line length of the kite – to avoid blocking the gate by a capsized kiteboard with the kite in the water), hence 30m for the zone does not create an overlap between the zones around two gate marks.