Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 24.2

A submission from the Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond

Purpose or Objective

Synchronise the rules for Fleet Racing and Team Racing and simplify the rules

Proposal

Change RRS 24.2:

24.2 Except when sailing her proper course, a boat shall not interfere with a boat that is taking a penalty, sailing on another leg or subject to rule 22.1.

Delete RRS D1.1(e) as added in 2014 by accepting Submission 174-14

D1.1 (e) Rule 24.2 is changed to: 'Except when sailing her proper course, a boat shall not interfere with a boat that is taking a penalty, sailing on another leg or subject to rule 22.1.'

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Team racing rules should only differ from the Fleet Racing rules if there is a specific reason related to Team racing to make a change

2. Submission 174-14 is accepted in 2014, changing rule D1.1(e) for Team racing

3. Submission 174-14 was based in Team Racing Call C3:

4. Question: After the start B is sailing on port tack from the course side of the starting line without having started. Boat Y has started correctly and bears away below her proper course onto a collision course with B. B protests. What should the call be?
5. Answer: Penalize Y, B and Y are not on the same leg of the course. Therefore when Y bears away below her proper course and interferes with B, she breaks rule 24.2.

6. Reasons for accepting submission 174-14 was: Team racing call C3 has existed in its present form since the first ISAF Team Racing Call Book was published. The team racing community believe the decision in the call is necessary. However, the interpretation that boat Y in the call breaks rule 24.2 has recently been questioned. This new rule in the team racing appendix clarifies the interpretation.

7. The same arguments mentioned under reasons apply to Fleet Racing. So the same rule change should be made in RRS 24.2.

8. If RRS 24.2 is changed as proposed, the new rule D1.1(e) is not relevant anymore.

9. This simplifies the rules.