Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule F4.44

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

Purpose or Objective

Amending rule F4.44 to be in line with standard rule 44

Proposal

1. Amend rule F4.44.1 as follows:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

“A kiteboard may take a 360° Turn Penalty One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31, or one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. Sailing instructions may specify the use of some other penalty. However, if the kiteboard caused injury, or serious damage or a tangle or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.”

2. Amend rule F4.44.2 as follows:

44.2 360°One-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a 360° Turn Penalty One-Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with her hull in the water and with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. One-Turn Penalty by promptly making a turn with her hull in the water including one completed tack and one completed gybe. Forward motion shall be established between tack and gybe (or vice versa) with the sailor on the correct side of the hull in normal sailing position. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Sailors have developed techniques to execute the current penalty turn in virtually no time. The new penalty turn rule provides a more fair penalty (time needed to take the penalty) and the wording is closer to the standard RRS wording (One Turn Penalty).

2. Reinstate standard rule 44.3 to be more in line with the standard Rule Book.