

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### New Rule C2.6

A submission from the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee and Match Racing Committee

#### Purpose for Proposal 1

To codify a tested Match Racing rule into Appendix C.

To simplify the rules for match racing and to provide more consistent umpire calls.

#### Proposal 1

Add new rule C2.6 changing rule 17 as follows:

**C2.6** Rule 17 is changed to:

#### **17 ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE**

**After the starting signal, if** ~~if~~ a boat *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* within two of her hull lengths to *leeward* of a boat on the same *tack*, she shall not sail above her *proper course* while they remain on the same *tack* and *overlapped* within that distance, unless in doing so she promptly sails astern of the other boat. This rule does not apply **if the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward mark or the finishing line, or** if the *overlap* begins while

**(a) the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward mark,**

**(b) the windward boat is required by rule 13 to keep clear, or**

**(c) both boats are OCS.**

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

1. The vast majority of the sailors taking part in the testing have clearly indicated that they like this new rule and that it makes match racing easier and more consistent.
  2. The test was to only apply RRS 17 on overlaps that were created and exist on the windward leg. The premise was that a boat needed the ability to lee-bow tack an opponent and be effectively able to still be able to tack back to port some time after.
  3. The test rule still leave complexity as to when RRS 17 applies and it is anticipated that further testing will be initiated with the intent to completely delete RRS 17 for match racing.
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This will make the game easier and will also mean it will provide greater consistency with regard to umpire calls.

### Proposal 2

Add new rule C2.6 as follows:

#### **C2.6 Delete rule 17.**

### Current Position

Current rule 17.

### Reasons

1. This change is a result of the match racing test package that has been trialled since January 2015.
  2. The test was to only apply rule 17 on overlaps that were created and exist on the windward leg. The premise was that a boat needed the ability to lee-bow tack an opponent and be effectively able to still be able to tack back to port some time after.
  3. The working group believe the test rule still left complexity as to when rule 17 applied.
  4. The working group have concluded that it would be simpler and more consistent to simply remove rule 17 for match racing
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