

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule C2.12

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To ensure all events are using this rule and to move it from the Standard Sailing Instructions and into Appendix C.

Proposal

Insert new rule C2.12 and re-number existing C2 rules accordingly.

C2.12 Rule 31 is changed to ‘While *racing*, ~~a boat shall not~~ **neither the crew nor any part of a boat’s hull shall** touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*.’

If approved, the title of rule C2 must be amended to include Part 3.

Current Position

This amended RRS 31 is included in the ISAF Standard Match Racing Sailing Instructions.

Reason

Frequently, a boat is not aware of a sheet touching the mark, or the sail slightly touching it. Unlike in all other racing, the boat is likely to sometimes get penalized for this in match racing where umpires are following closely, and sometimes not if the umpires cannot see the touch. Note that in match racing, a boat is not required to take any penalty unless signalled by an umpire.
