Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule F2.20.4

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

Purpose or Objective

Add hand signals to the rules for “Room to Tack at an Obstruction” to assist hails and responses between kiteboards

Proposal

In rule F2 add the following:

20 ROOM TO TACK AT AN OBSTRUCTION

Add new rule 20.4:

20.4 Arm Signals

The following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

(a) for ‘Room to tack’, repeatedly and clearly circling one hand over the head;

(b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other kiteboard and waving the arm to windward.

Current Position

Rule F2.20.4 for kiteboards is new.

Reason

In stronger winds and given the speed at which kiteboards move, visual signs are required to assist hails. The proposed signals are based on the hand signals in Appendix C and Addendum Q.

Circling one hand over the head is the internationally used sign in recreational kiteboarding to signal that a kiteboard intends to change tack, therefore it seems appropriate that this way of signalling is used instead of the original language of Appendix C and Addendum Q for “Room to Tack”.