

High Speed Rules Working Party Report to Racing Rules Committee October 2021

The working party had an intense work during winter 2021 to finalize the new release of the High-Speed Rules.

Actions in 2021

The updated HSR has been modified to match the modification from the 2021-2024 RRS. Some rules were changed to adapt as maximum to fleet race and match race.

During the year, the working party identified an issue with the high-speed rule 18, discovering that rule 18 can be used by the sailors in a way to make the game complicated for non-experienced sailors/race officials and spectators. This was not the initial intention when they were created.

The HSR team has created a new release of the RRS 18 for the HSR but is liaising with the Match Racing Rules WP as they use the same version of rule 18 that the HSR uses.

Successes

Even if a huge part of the working party was involved in a full-time event like the America's Cup, the group has produced the new set of HSR in time.

Sailors who are racing with the HSR in different classes (GC32, M32...) are still happy with these rules.

A new class, foiling moth, has shown an interest to use these rules in the future.

The high reactivity of the HSR team has provided a quick and efficient upgrade about the RRS 18 situation. The work is still on its way.

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