1. Racing Rules Committee Recommendations / Decisions

This “yellow paper” is a summary of the Recommendations and Decisions made at the Racing Rules Committee meeting on 31 October 2018.

Under Regulation 28, the Racing Rules Committee has delegated authority from Council to decide any submissions which concern the Racing Rules of Sailing. Under Regulation 28.2.1(b), any decision of the Committee to change the Racing Rules of Sailing can be referred to Council by the Board, a committee chairman, a chairman of a commission or a member of Council. Any such referral must be notified to the President in writing no later than the start of the Council meeting at Conference.

Recommendations to Council

112-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Bumpkin
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Support with edit to change spelling to “bumkin” as used in RRS 50.3

113-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Foil & Wing
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Opinion: Reject

114-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Mast Spar Weight
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
As recommended by Equipment Committee.

115-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Mast Tip Weight
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Opinion: Approve

116-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Spinnaker Pole
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Opinion: Defer

117-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Definition Spreader
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment
Edit to add ‘standing’ in ERS rule F1.5 before word ‘rigging’

118-18 Equipment Rules of Sailing - Housekeeping
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules
Opinion: Approve
119-18  Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Jockey Pole  
Reporting Committee: Equipment  
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules  
Opinion: Defer

120-18  Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Modification, Maintenance and Repair  
Reporting Committee: Equipment  
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules, Race Officials  
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment  
As recommended by Equipment Committee.

121-18  Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Outrigger  
Reporting Committee: Equipment  
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules  
Opinion: Approve

122-18  Equipment Rules of Sailing - New Definition Spinnaker & Headsail  
Reporting Committee: Equipment  
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules  
Opinion: Defer

123-18  Equipment Rules of Sailing - Terminology  
Reporting Committee: Equipment  
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Racing Rules  
Opinion: Approve with the following amendment  
As recommended by Equipment Committee.

137-18  World Sailing Regulations - Racing Rules Committee - Regulations 6.11 & 28  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Constitution  
Recommendation to Council: Approve

2. Decisions on Racing Rules Submissions

138-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition Mark-Room, Rules 18.2(d) & 18.1  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies  
Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone. However, it does not apply  
(a) between boats on opposite tacks on a beat to windward,  
(b) between boats on opposite tacks when the proper course at the mark for one but not both of them is to tack,  
(c) between a boat approaching a mark and one leaving it, or  
(d) if the mark is a continuing obstruction, in which case rule 19 applies.  

Rule 18 no longer applies between boats when the boat entitled to mark-room has been given that mark-room.
Rule 18 no longer applies between boats when mark-room has been given and the mark no longer influences the course of the boat entitled to mark-room.

139-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition Finish, New Definition Sail The Course, Rules 28, 35 and related rules
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

4. Change SI 15.2 in Appendix L as follows:

15. Boats failing to finish within _____ after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

5. Change SI 12.1 in Appendix S as follows:

12.1 The supplement will state which of the following time limits, if any, will apply and, for each, the time limit.
- Mark 1 Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.
- Race Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.
- Finishing Window Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes.

140-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition Party
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

141-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition Party
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

(b) for a request for redress hearing: a boat requesting redress or for which redress is requested, a boat for which a hearing is called to consider the redress under rule 60.3(b), a race committee acting under rule 60.2(b), a technical committee acting under rule 60.4(b);

142-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition Proper Course
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve
143-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Definition Start, Definition Finish  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve  
Approve both Proposals 1 and 2. Approve Proposal 3 as a test rule.

144-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Introduction  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Constitution, Race Officials  
Decision: Approve with the following amendment  
Approve Proposal 1 with amendment:

Interpretations  
World Sailing publishes the following authoritative interpretations of the racing rules:
- The World Sailing Case Book.
- World Sailing Call Books for disciplines that have a dedicated appendix to the RRS.
- World Sailing Interpretations of RRS 42.

Approve Proposal 2.

145-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Introduction  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Reject  
Agree there is a problem. RRC request a new submission detailing the consequential changes.

146-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Basic Principle  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve  

147-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 2  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Reject  
Review standard of proof for all protest committee decisions.

148-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 2  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Reject  
DSQ may be appropriate at club level events. Guidance on the appropriate penalty would be of value.

149-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule 8 and 65.3  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Constitution, Race Officials  
Decision: Reject  
New submission to be considered for 2019.

150-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Test Rule 13  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Reject
**151-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Test Rule 17**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Approve**

**153-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 18.3**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Reject**
Do not wish the rule to apply when the starboard-tack boat needs to tack round the mark.

**154-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 19.2**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Approve**

**155-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule 20.4**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Approve with the following amendment**

20.4 Additional Requirements for Hails

(a) When conditions are such that a hail may not be heard, the boat shall instead also make an appropriate signal that clearly indicates her need for room to tack. This rule also applies to other hails required by rule 20.

(b) The notice of race or sailing instructions may specify an alternative communication to indicate her need for room to tack channel or alternative signal and require boats to use it to make hails under rule 20.

This rule applies to all hails under rule 20.

**156-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 27.1**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Reject**

**157-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 28.2**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Approve with the following amendment**

**158-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 36(b)**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Approve**

**160-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 41**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
**Decision: Approve**
**Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule C2.15**

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
**Decision: Approve**

**Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 42.3(c)**

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
**Decision: Approve with the following amendment**

Approve Option 2(a) as follows:

(c) Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave), planing or foiling is possible, the boat’s crew may pull in any sail in order to

(1) initiate surfing or planing, but each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind, or

(2) initiate and maintain foiling, and the sails may be pulled an unlimited number of times.

RRC WP to consider an edit to change the word “unlimited” to make it more translatable.

**Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 42.3(c)**

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
**Decision: Approve**

**Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule 43.1(c)**

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Equipment, Race Officials  
**Decision: Approve with the following amendment**

(c) A trapeze harness worn by a competitor which may be used to support the competitor on a trapeze shall be of the quick release variety complying with ISO 10862 which allows the competitor to detach from the hook or other method of attachment at any time.

Note: This rule does not take effect until 1st January 2023

**Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 47.2**

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
**Decision: Approve with the following amendment**

No person on board shall intentionally leave, except when ill or injured, or to help a person or vessel in danger, or to swim. A person leaving the boat by accident or to swim shall be back in contact with the boat before the crew resumes sailing the boat to the next mark or finishes on board before the boat continues in the race.
When lifelines are required by the class rules or any other rule, competitors shall not position any part of their torsos outside them, except briefly to perform a necessary task. On boats equipped with upper and lower lifelines, a competitor sitting facing outboard with his waist inside the lower lifeline may have the upper part of his body outside the upper lifeline. Unless a class rule or any other rule specifies a maximum deflection, lifelines shall be taut. If the class rules do not specify the material or minimum diameter of lifelines, they shall comply with the corresponding specifications in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

(a) protest a boat, but not as a result of information arising from a request for redress or an invalid protest, or from a report from a person with a conflict of interest other than the representative of the boat herself. However, it shall protest a boat if it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules or with rule 43:

(1) a boat has broken a rule of Part 4, but not rules 41, 42, 44 and 46, or
(2) a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules.

(b) injury or physical damage because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2, or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear or is determined to be at fault under the IRPCAS or a government right-of-way rule;
172-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 62.1(d)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

(d) an action of a boat, or a member of her crew, or her support person, that resulted in a penalty under rule 2 or a penalty or warning under rule 69.2(h) or 64.4(a).

Consideration to be given in editing over the use of the word “her”. Consider “the support person of another boat”.

Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Reject
New proposal to be prepared which is consistent with RRS 66, and make it easy to add to SIs or to delete the rule.

174-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules 63.2 & M2.1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Proposal 1: Reject
Proposal 2: Approve
Proposal 3: Approve

175-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules 63.6 & M3.2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Constitution, Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Third proposed new bullet point of M3.2 deleted.

176-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule 65.3
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment

65.3 Unless there is good reason not to do so, after any hearing, including a hearing under rule 69, the protest committee may publish the information set out in rule 65.1. The protest committee may direct that the case information is to be confidential to the parties.

re-number rule 65.3 as 65.4.

177-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 89.1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Board, Constitution, Race Officials
Decision: Reject
This is not the appropriate mechanism to resolve such issues.

178-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule 90.3(c)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Reject
Unnecessary
Racing Rules of Sailing - New Part 8
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Equipment, Oceanic & Offshore, Race Officials
Decision: Reject

RRC had 3 indicative votes
(A) To consolidate equipment rules within one section of RRS
(B) The preferred location would be Part 4 Section B leaving as many rule numbers unchanged as possible
(C) To adopt a notation such that ERS definitions are identified when used in the same sense

Racing Rules of Sailing - Appendix B
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve
Approve all three Proposals.

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules B3 & B5
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule C2.2 and MR Call K5
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules C2.10(a), D1.1(d)(1), F20.4(a)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule C3.1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule C6.3
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules C6.5, C7.2(f) & MR Call M11
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule C7.2(g)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve
188-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule C10.7  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve

189-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule D1.1(d)  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve with the following amendment  
Proposal 1: Approve  
Proposal 2: Approve as follows:  
(d) When rule 20 applies the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails:  
   (1) for room to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and  
   (2) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.  
Sailing instructions may delete this requirement.

190-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule D1.3(d)  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve

192-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Appendix E - Housekeeping  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve

193-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules E1.3 & E2.1  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve

194-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - New Rule E2.1(c)  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Reject  
The issue needs to be resolved for all racing. RRC will prepare appropriate submissions for consideration in 2019. A majority of the Committee support option of local language being made available.

195-18  Racing Rules of Sailing - Appendix F - Housekeeping  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve with the following amendment  
Proposal 1: Approve  
Proposal 2: Approve  
Proposal 3: Approve  
Proposal 4: Approve  
Proposal 5: Reject  
Proposal 6: Approve
Proposal 7: Approve
Proposal 8: Reject
Proposal 9: Approve

196-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule L15.1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

197-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule M2.1
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Reject
A new rule is preferred. A proposal for a new rule is to be prepared by RRC.

198-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rule R2.2(c)
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

199-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - Case 132
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Option 1 not Option 2.

200-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Case
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

201-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Case
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment
Delete Q&A 2. Case Book WP is requested to add a diagram to the Case (which is to be approved by the Committee prior to publication).

202-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Case
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve

203-18 Racing Rules of Sailing - New Case
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Oceanic & Offshore, Race Officials
Decision: Reject
Proposal 1: Agree in principle, but case must be more general and worded not to place any obligation on the race committee.

Proposal 2: There are a number of issues that are not addressed in Answer 2.
Two keelboats B and Y are overlapped on a run in strong winds with spinnakers set. Rule 17 does not apply. B luffs continuously and Y keeps clear by luffing. After Y sails above a beam reach and is healing well over with her spinnaker trimmed all the way, When Y is no longer able to keep the majority of her spinnaker filled and drawing, she holds course and drops her spinnaker. While she does so, B bears away to avoid contact and protests. There is no contact. What should the call be?

Answer
No penalty.

When B changes course, rule 16.1 requires her to give Y room to keep clear, which includes space to manoeuvre promptly in a seamanlike way. After position 3, Y needs to drop her spinnaker to continue manoeuvring in a seamanlike way. At position 4, B complies with rule 16.1 by bearing away to give Y room to keep clear.

This answer also applies if B has no spinnaker set, or a different type of spinnaker set
3. Recommendations Not Based on Submission

There are no recommendations not based on submission.

[Signed on the original]

John Doerr
Chairman

Racing Rules Committee

1 November 2018