To: World Sailing Racing Rules Committee

From: Dick Rose, Chairman, Racing Rules Committee Working Party

Annual Report to the Racing Rules Committee

The Racing Rules Committee Working Party’s primary activity during 2017 was to prepare its recommendations on the 2017 rules-related to submissions. During the second half of August, each member of the WP studied the each of those submissions and then sent his or her recommendations on each to the other members of the WP. For three days in September (6-8 Sept.), the WP met in London. The members thoroughly discussed each submission and, using the new category system recommended by John Doerr, assigned each submission to Category 1, 2, 3 or 4. Those submissions were then sent to each member of the RRC.

This three-day WP meeting before the annual conference is relatively new. There are now many more rules-related submissions each year, and these in-person have permitted much more thorough consideration of each submission than was possible in the past. Also, and more important, the members of the RRC who are not on the WP have had several weeks to consider the WP’s recommendations and prepare for the discussions and votes well before the annual conference.

As this report is written, the WP is planning to meet again in Mexico four days before the RRC meeting there. The WP will reconsider its recommendations in light of comments received from other RRC members and others who have studied the submissions. Then it will send out its revised recommendations to the RRC.

In addition to preparing recommendations on submissions, the WP responded to errors in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 that were not noted until after that book had been published. The WP prepared a document titled “Changes and Corrections” that identifies the changes and corrections necessitated by these errors. This document is prominently posted alongside of The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 on the World Sailing website. No errors have been reported for several months, but if one or more is reported, the Changes and Corrections document will be updated appropriately by the WP.