Team Racing Rules Working Party

Report on 2018 Tasks

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The working party (WP) started the year by writing the Call Book Supplement for 2018 to implement the November 2017 RRC decisions. The Supplement was approved by RRC in January. It includes 2 new calls and 6 amended calls.

This year the WP has made 4 submissions through the RRC Chairman. One of these fulfils the RRC request at our 2017 meeting to write a new case based on call H5 (submission 167-17) about when mark-room has been given. The WP has agreed a new rapid response call which will be published as soon as possible. A further four proposals were considered and rejected as unnecessary.

A new test rule 16.2 was developed and approved by RRC in March. This rule has been widely used, particularly in keelboat team racing throughout Europe and in the USA. As a result of reports received on the trials, the WP has updated the proposed test rule to further limit any dial-down by the starboard-tack boat as follows, showing changes from the existing Part 2 rule:

**16.2** In addition, when after the starting signal **and on a leg to a windward mark [or to the finishing line]**, a port-tack boat is **keeping clear** by sailing to pass **aft** to leeward of a starboard-tack boat, the starboard-tack boat shall not **change course** bear away if as a result the port-tack boat **would immediately need to** must change course **immediately** to continue **keeping clear**.

The underlined words may change as they are dependent on the outcome of submission 199-18 about Case 132. We now request approval to publish this text as a test rule for 2019 and recommended only for keelboat team racing when the organising authority may be concerned about dial-downs.

Additionally some keelboat events have tested the deletion of rules 13 and/or 17 under rule 86.2 or 86.3 authorisation as appropriate. Further testing is intended in 2019.

There is an ongoing discussion about the best way to improve rule D4, Scoring, and resolve the ambiguities therein.

Richard Thompson
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