

THE RACING RULES OF SAILING FOR 2009 - 2012

Changes effective from 1 January 2010

INFORMATION FROM ISAF, WITH GUIDANCE FROM THE RYA

As a result of actions taken by the ISAF Racing Rules Committee and the ISAF Council during the ISAF Annual Conference, several changes in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012* will take effect on 1 January 2010. The changes are shown in detail below.

Words deleted from a rule are shown struck through and words added are shown in bold and underlined.

Change to Rule 18.2(c):

- (c) When a boat is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins. However, ~~if either boat passes head to wind or~~ if the boat entitled to *mark-room* **passes head to wind or** leaves the *zone*, rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

Resulting rule:

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RYA GUIDANCE – CORRECTS AN UNDETECTED FLAW IN THE RULE

When a boat enters a down-wind mark's zone clear ahead, a boat clear astern and travelling faster cannot now defeat her obligation to give mark-room under rule 18.2(b) by luffing, passing head to wind and then either completing a turn or passing back, so as then to gain a late inside overlap which will entitle her to mark-room under rule 18.2(a). Only the boat entitled to mark-room under rule 18.2(b) can deprive herself of that entitlement by her own action.

Change to Definition *Obstruction*:

Obstruction An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions*. However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her, ~~give her room or mark-room~~ or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat *racing*, is never a continuing *obstruction*.

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RYA GUIDANCE – REMOVES A CONFLICT BETWEEN RULES 18 AND 19 WHEN THREE BOATS ARE IN THE ZONE

A give-way boat that is entitled to room or mark-room is no longer an obstruction, and so rule 19, Room to Pass an Obstruction, no longer places an obligation on one boat to give another boat room at such a boat. This is particularly so at marks, where the obligation to give mark-room is to be determined solely by rule 18, Mark Room, and a boat cannot gain a right to room from a late inside overlap.

Change to Definition Party:

Party A party to a hearing: a protestor; a protestee; a boat requesting redress or for which redress is requested by the race committee or considered by the protest committee under rule 60.3(b); a race committee acting under rule 60.2(b); a boat or competitor that may be penalized under rule 69.1; a race committee or an organizing authority in a hearing under rule 62.1(a).

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RYA GUIDANCE – CHANGES THE DEFINITION TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT BEST PRACTICE

This makes clear that the rights of a boat being considered for unrequested redress and the rights of a race committee requesting that redress are the same as in a ‘normal’ redress hearing, as concerns the rights to be present, to ask for a reopening and to appeal.

Change to Appendix B, Rule B3.1(c):

Rule 18.2(c) is changed to:

When a board is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins. However, if ~~either board~~ **the board entitled to *mark-room*** passes head to wind rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

Resulting Rule:

Appendix B, Rule B3.1(c):

Rule 18.2(c) is changed to:

When a board is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(b), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins. However, if the board entitled to *mark-room* passes head to wind rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

RYA GUIDANCE

Harmonises the position of boards with boats as concerns defeating rule 18.2(b).

Addition to Appendix C, Rule C2.12 (a new rule):

C2.12 Rule 18.2(e) is changed to ‘If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat has been unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.’

RYA GUIDANCE – RESOLVES A MATCH RACING PROBLEM

In match racing, for rule 18.2(e) to apply, it does not matter whether the inside boat’s *overlap* was obtained from clear astern or from clear ahead.

Change to Appendix J

J1.2 The notice of race shall include any of the following that will apply and that would help competitors decide whether to attend the event or that conveys other information they will need before the sailing instructions become available:

- (2) that **competitor** advertising will be restricted to ~~Category A~~ or that boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority (see ISAF Regulation 20) and other information related to Regulation 20;

J2.2 The sailing instructions shall include those of the following that will apply:

- (1) that **competitor** advertising will be restricted to ~~Category A~~ (see ISAF Regulation 20) and other information related to Regulation 20;

Resulting rule:

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Consequent changes in Appendices K and L

Appendix K

*See ISAF Regulation 20.
Include other applicable
information related to
Regulation 20.*

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: _____.

See ISAF Regulation 20.

2.2 Boats [shall] [may] be required to display Advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

Appendix L

*See ISAF Regulation 20
Insert necessary information
on the advertising material.*

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Boats [shall] [may] display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as follows: _____.

RYA GUIDANCE – BRINGS RECOMMENDED CLAUSES INTO LINE WITH THE ADVERTISING CODE

References to Category A (now an obsolete term) are deleted, and competitors must be advised in the notice of race if the display of advertising supplied by the organizing authority will be compulsory

NEW ISAF CASE

New case 113 will clarify obligations when the leeward of three boats hails for room to tack at an obstruction.