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HELPING CLASSES WITH RULE 42

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Session Plan

- JD Introduction
 - The causes of rule 42 problems (from 2003)
 - Some things that have been done to help
- Your experiences
 - Problems
 - Solutions
- What we might do to improve
- Volunteer note taker?



Why is rule 42 a problem (from 2003)?

- Common Understanding
 - Words
 - some are difficult to interpret
 - Rule structure
 - basic, prohibitions, exceptions
 - Class rules
 - variations
 - Attitude
 - desire for different interpretation



Why is rule 42 a problem (from 2003)

- Application
 - High incentive to sail to the edge or even break the rule
 - No common knowledge
 - different interpretations
 - Resources
 - equipment, judges and costs
 - Observing accurately
 - sailors get good at disguise



Why is rule 42 a problem continued

- Distinguishing between ‘good sailing’ and ‘illegal propulsion’.
 - Steering through waves v sculling
 - Trimming sails v pumping
 - Trimming the boat v rocking





From the video

- Is this typical of current problems?
- Did we agree the breaches?



Some solutions

- Education – Competitors and officials
 - ISAF Interpretations
 - Workshops – 42 Judge endorsements
 - Talks, lectures,
 - Discussions - A neutral person may be helpful
 - Video - examples
- Control
 - Protesting
 - On Water Judging
 - Video replay
- Changing the rule – class rules, RRS