

# CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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### ***THE RACING RULES OF SAILING FOR 2025-2028***

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## **CHANGES**

### **Definitions, Obstruction**

Change the definition to:

***Obstruction*** An *obstruction* is

- (a) 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;
- (b) an object that can be safely passed on only one side; or
- (c) an object, area or line that is so designated in a *rule*.

However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her.

### **Consequential Change in the Definition Obstruction in Appendix F:**

Delete item (d) and change items (b) and (c) to:

- (b) an object that can be safely passed on only one side; or
- (c) an object, area or line that is so designated in a *rule*.

## Consequential Change in Appendix J, Rule J2.2(15)

Change rule J2.2(15) to:

- (15) description of any object, area or line designated by a *rule* to be an *obstruction* (see the definition *Obstruction*), and any restriction on entering such an area or crossing such a line;

## Definitions, Proper Course

Change the definition to:

***Proper Course*** A course a boat would choose in order to *sail the course* as quickly as possible in the absence of the other boats referred to in the rule using the term. A boat has no *proper course* before her starting signal.

## Rule 60.5(c)(4)

Change rule 60.5(c)(4) to:

- (4) she broke a class rule and rule 60.5(d)(1) applies.

## Appendix D, Rule D1.2(a)(1)

After ‘between boats’ insert ‘on the other team’.

## Appendix F, Rule F2

Change rule 18.2 to:

### 18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first of two kiteboards reaches the *zone*,
  - (1) if the kiteboards are *overlapped*, the outside kiteboard at that moment shall give the inside kiteboard *mark-room*.
  - (2) if the kiteboards are not *overlapped*, the kiteboard that has not reached the *zone* shall give *mark-room*.

When a kiteboard is required to give *mark-room* by this rule, she shall continue to do so for as long as this rule applies, even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins.

- (b) Rule 18.2(a) no longer applies if either kiteboard referred to in this rule changes *tack*.
- (c) If the kiteboard entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the kiteboards at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.

## CORRECTIONS

### **Definition Party and Appendix M**

In item (c) in the definition Party and in M2.3(e) in Appendix M, change ‘improper action or omission’ to ‘improper action or improper omission’.

### **Rule 27.3**

Change ‘....display flag N over H....’ to ‘....display flag N, N over H....’

### **Rule 32.3**

Change ‘the race’ to ‘a race in progress’.

### **Rule 63.1(a)(4)**

Change ‘the representative shall have been on board’ to ‘representatives of boats shall have been on board’.

### **Rule 63.3(e)**

Change ‘protest committee’ to ‘protest committee member’.

### **Rules 69.2(j) and 69.2(k)**

In rule 69.2(j) and in rule 69.2(k), change ‘specific’ to ‘major’ and ‘Regulations’ to ‘Code of Ethics’.

### **Part 7 – Header on all pages of Part 7 except the first page**

Change ‘RACE ORGANIZATION’ to ‘EVENT ORGANIZATION’.

### **Appendix B, Rule B5**

In rule 60.4, change ‘rule 60.4(a)’ to ‘rule 60.4(a)(2)’.

### **Appendix C Preamble and Online Rules Documents**

Change ‘Blind Competitors’ to ‘Visually Impaired Sailors’.

### **Appendix E Preamble and Online Rules Documents**

In the Appendix E preamble, change ‘A Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing’ to ‘Development Rules for Umpired Radio Sailing’. In Online Rules Documents, change ‘Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing’ to ‘Development Rules for Umpired Radio Sailing’.

### **Appendix F, Rule F5**

Make two changes:

At the end of rule 60.2(a)(1), insert ‘at the first reasonable opportunity’.

At the beginning of rule 60.5(e), change ‘if a kiteboard’ to ‘If the protest committee decides that a kiteboard’.

## Appendix G, Rule G1, Table of National Sail Letters

Change the following entries in the table:

‘Hong Kong	HKG’	to	‘Hong Kong, China	HKG’
‘Czech Republic	CZE’	to	‘Czechia	CZE’
‘Macedonia (FYRO)	MKD’	to	‘North Macedonia	MKD’

Add the following rows to the table:

Bolivia	BOL
Botswana	BOT
Brunei	BRU
Cambodia	CAM
Iran	IRI
Iraq	IRQ
Jordan	JOR
Macau, China	MAC
Montserrat	MNT
Solomon Islands	SOL
St Kitts & Nevis	SKN
Tajikistan	TJK
Timor Leste	TLS
Tonga	TGA
Turks & Caicos	TCA

## Appendix S, Sailing Instruction 12, Time Limits

In ‘Race Time Limit’ and ‘Finishing Window’, delete ‘:’.