

**Welcome**  
**To a quick tour of**  
***The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008***  
**From your tour guide, Dick Rose**

You'll have three sessions with your tour guide:

- What's new in the rules in 2005?
- How to use knives, forks and salt shakers to figure out who was right and who was wrong when you and Lou had that close call during the third race
- Answers to any questions on the rules you have.

**Anything we don't cover on the tour will be covered on the Exam.**

**The Exam consists of just one question: *Do the rules require all boats to keep a lookout during a race?* We'll discuss the answer to this question at the end of the tour and then continue the discussion over refreshments.**

# **RACING RULES OF SAILING 2005-2008 STUDY**

## **GUIDE TO THE OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

**BY DICK ROSE**

Each change in the racing rules and in the Definitions that ISAF and US SAILING think is significant is marked in the US SAILING rulebook by a vertical bar in the margin alongside the change.

To save you time and help you focus on the changes that most affect the 'game' we play, I have sorted all the rule changes marked by a vertical bar into three categories, from most important to least important. I suggest you study the Category 1 changes first, then Category 2 and, if you're a real rules addict, Category 3.

### **Category 1 - Rule Changes You Need to Study**

Rule 16.2 - Same rule as old rule 16.2, but applied to a more limited set of situations

Rule 18.2(c) - Past tense Rule 18.2(c) - Last sentence Rule 19.1 - Above close-hauled

Rule 19.1 - Prohibition on some hails

Definition: Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap - Mutually exclusive terms

Definition Start and Rule 29.1 (Note deletion of old Rule 29.1)

Rules 42.2 and 42.3 - Sculling

Rules 42.2 and 42.3 - Rocking

Rules 44 and 31 - One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties replace 720° and 360° Penalties

Rules 30.1, 30.2 and 30.3 - Penalty flags displayed preparatory signal

Rule 41, especially 41(d) and 41(e)

Rule 61.1(a)(3) (New rule) - Finally, a sensible approach! Rule 61.2 - When

information may be provided to the protest committee Rules 86.1 (a) and (b) - Addition of Rule 42 to the list Rule 40.2 (Important only if you use a trapeze or hiking harness)

## **Category 2 - Rule Changes You Ought to Study**

Sportsmanship and the Rules and Rules 31.2 and 44.2 - Retiring is a 'Penalty'

Rule 18.1(b) - First words

Rule 18.1(b) - If 'one, but not both,' must tack

Rule 22.2 - Interfering with boat on another leg or lap (New in 2005)

Rule 27.1 - Deletion of Flag S before the Start

Rule 30.1 - Last two lines

Rule 32.2 (New rule)

Rule 33

Rule 60 - Reorganized

Rule 61.1(c)

Rule 62.1(a)

Rule 63.7 (New rule)

Rule 69 (Study this if you're a judge)

Rule 70.1 - What can be appealed

Rule 70.1 -- All race committees may appeal

Rule 75.3 (Important for host clubs and boat owners)

Rules 5, 75.2, 79, and 86.1(b) and ISAF Regulations 19, 20 and 21

Rule 87 and its prescription (Important to host clubs and race committees)

Rule 88.2(a) (Important for organizing authorities and race officials)

## **Category 3 - Rules Changes that Probably Will Never Affect You**

Part 2 Preamble

Rule 13

Rule 18.2(d)

Rule 25

Rule 28.1

Rule 30.3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> vertical bars

Rule 34 - US prescription

Rule 71.2

Rules 69.1(b)(2), 78.2, and 89.3(b)

Rule 86.2 (New rule)

Rule 86.3 and its US prescription

Rules 88.1(e) and (f) (Prize available to anyone who can translate these into English!)

Rules 88.2(a) and 90 (Limitation on use of the term 'jury')

Rule 89.3(a) - Default scoring system is Low Point System

Rules 89.3(a) and A2 - What constitutes a 'completed' race

## Part 2 Rules for 2005-2008 Categorized

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### Right-of-Way Rules

In each of the following situations, boat A has right of way and boat B must *keep clear*.

Rule	Boat A	Boat B
10 Both boats on opposite tacks	On <i>starboard tack</i>	On <i>port tack</i>
11 Both boats on same tack and overlapped	<i>Leeward</i> boat	<i>Windward</i> boat
12 Both boats on same tack and not overlapped	<i>Clear ahead</i>	<i>Clear astern</i>
13 One boat tacking, one not tacking	Not tacking	Has passed head to wind, but is not yet close-hauled
13 Both boats have passed head to wind, but are not yet close-hauled	On boat B's starboard side or ahead of B	On boat A's port side or astern of A
18.2(a) & (b) Boats overlapped before or at the <i>two-length zone</i>	Inside with right of way under rule 10 or 11	Outside boat
18.2(c) Boats were not overlapped at the zone	Boat <i>clear ahead</i> when she reached the zone	Boat <i>clear astern</i> when A reached the zone
18.5 At a continuing obstruction, a boat <i>clear astern</i> obtains an overlap when there is not room	Outside boat	Inside boat
20.1 One boat correcting a starting error after the starting signal	Not sailing back towards starting line to <i>start</i> or to comply with rule 30.1	Sailing back towards starting line to <i>start</i> or to comply with rule 30.1
20.2 One boat making a penalty turn	Not making a penalty turn	Making a penalty turn
20.3 One boat moving astern by backing a sail	Not moving astern by backing a sail	Moving astern by backing a sail

#### Notes:

- When rule 13 applies, rules 10, 11 and 12 do not.
- When rule 18.2(c) applies, rule 10 does not, and rule 18.2(c) stops applying if A tacks.
- When rule 20 or 21 applies, rules 10, 11, 12 and 13 do not.

## Rules Requiring a Boat to Give *Room*

- \*Rule 15** Boat A shall give boat B *room to keep clear* when A has just acquired right of way and when this was not solely due to the actions of B.
- \*Rule 16.1** When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat *room to keep clear*.
- Rule 18.2(a)** When an outside *overlapped* right-of-way boat is subject to rule 18.2(a), she shall give the inside boat *room* to pass the *mark* or *obstruction*.
- Rule 18.2(b)** When boats were *overlapped* at the *zone* and later the *overlap* was broken within the *zone*, the boat that was outside shall continue to give the other *room*.
- Rule 18.2(c)** When a boat that was *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* outside another boat within the *two-length zone*, she shall give the inside boat *room*.
- Rule 18.3(b)** A boat that completes a tack within the *two-length zone* shall give *room* to a boat fetching a *mark* that becomes *overlapped* inside her.
- Rule 18.5** While passing a continuing *obstruction*, if a boat that obtains an inside *overlap* from *clear astern* while there is *room* for her to pass between the boat ahead and the *obstruction*, the boat ahead shall give her *room*.
- Rule 19** When rule 19 applies, the hailed boat shall give the hailing boat *room* to tack and avoid her.

## Rules Limiting the Course a Boat Can Sail

- \*Rule 14** Limits a boat's course when contact is imminent.
- \*Rule 16.2** After the starting signal, limits a *starboard-tack* boat's course when a *port-tack* boat is *keeping clear* by sailing to pass astern of the *starboard-tack* boat.
- \*Rule 17.1** *Leeward* boat not to sail above her *proper course* under certain conditions.
- \*Rule 17.2** *Windward* boat or boat *clear ahead* not to sail below her *proper course* under certain conditions.
- Rule 18.3(a)** A boat that completes a tack within the *zone* shall not cause a boat fetching a *mark* to sail above close-hauled or prevent her from passing the *mark*.
- Rule 18.4** Limits the course of an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat that must gybe at a *mark* or *obstruction*, until she gybes.
- Rule 21** Limits the course of a boat in the vicinity of a boat that is capsized, anchored, aground or rescuing.
- Rule 22.1** Limits the course of a boat not *racing*.
- Rule 22.2** In some circumstances, limits the course of a boat in the vicinity of a boat making a penalty turn or one on another leg or lap of the course.

**Notes:** Rules 18.2(d), 18.2(e) and 18.5 do not fall into any one of these three categories. Rules marked with an asterisk (\*) limit the actions of a right-of-way boat and, by so doing, they define what it means to have right of way.