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Dear Bertrand

Authorisation to Change the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024

I am writing to confirm that, under RRS 86.2, World Sailing authorises the organizing authorities of the events of the 2023 RC44 Tour to change the Racing Rules of Sailing as set out in the Appendices to this letter.

In accordance with RRS 86.2, a copy of this letter must be posted on the official notice board of each event and a statement of World Sailing's approval must appear in the notice of race and sailing instructions.

I should be grateful if you can send World Sailing a report, within one month of the event, of these changes for the benefit of evaluating the development of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Yours sincerely



Pedro Rodrigues
Events Manager

44 Cup - Request to change RRS 2021-2024 for Fleet races

UF1.6 Test rules

- (d) The third sentence of the definition of Obstruction is deleted and substituted with:
"However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her or to give *mark-room* to her or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her.
The following objects always rank as *obstructions*:
(i) any vessel with a person (or persons) aboard that is not a racing boat;
(ii) any person (or persons) in the water."
- (e) The definition of *Zone* is changed to:
"The area around a *mark* or an *obstruction*, except when it is also
(i) an umpire boat, or
(ii) a boat *racing* the boats are required to *keep clear* or to give *mark- room* to her,
within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*."
- (f) RRS 19.1 is changed to:
When Rule 19 Applies
Rule 19 applies between two boats at an *obstruction* or when at least one of them is in the *zone* of an *obstruction* that is different from an umpire boat or a boat *racing* the boats are required to *keep clear* of to give *mark- room* to, except
(i) when the *obstruction* is a *mark* the boats are required to leave on the same side, or
(ii) when rule 18 applies between the boats and the *obstruction* is another boat *overlapped* with each of them.
However, at a continuing *obstruction*, rule 19 always applies and rule 18 does not.
- (g) RRS 20.1 is changed to:
Rule 20 only applies to a starboard-tack boat.
A boat on starboard may hail for *room* to tack and avoid a boat on the same *tack*. However, she shall not hail unless
(i) she is approaching an *obstruction* and will soon need to make a substantial course change to avoid it safely, and
(ii) she is sailing close-hauled or above.
In addition, she shall not hail if the *obstruction* is a *mark* and a boat that is *fetching* it would be required to change course as a result of the hail.
A boat can hail or signal when those actions are not related to rule 20.
- (h) Rule 21.3 is deleted.

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The third sentence of the definition of Obstruction is deleted and substituted with:
"However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her or to give *mark-room* to her or, if rule 22 applies,

avoid her.

The following objects always rank as *obstructions*:

- (a) any vessel with a person (or persons) aboard that is not a racing boat;
 - (b) any person (or persons) in the water."
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RRS C2.4

The definition of *Zone* is changed to:

"The area around a *mark* or an *obstruction*, except when it is also

- (a) an umpire boat, or
- (b) a boat *racing* the boats are required to *keep clear* or to give *mark-room* to her,

within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*."

RRS C2.6 is changed to:

Rule 13 is deleted

RRS 19.1 and C2.10 are changed to:

C2.10.1 When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between two boats at an *obstruction* or when at least one of them is in the *zone* of an *obstruction* that is different from an umpire boat or a boat *racing* the boats are required to *keep clear* or to give *mark-room* to, except

- (a) when the *obstruction* is a *mark* the boats are required to leave on the same side, or
- (b) when rule 18 applies between the boats and the *obstruction* is another boat *overlapped* with each of them.

However, at a continuing *obstruction*, rule 19 always applies and rule 18 does not.

RRS 20.1 and C2.10 are changed to:

C2.10.2 Rule 20 only applies to a starboard-tack boat.

A boat on starboard may hail for *room* to tack and avoid a boat on the same *tack*. However, she shall not hail unless

- (a) she is approaching an *obstruction* and will soon need to make a substantial course change to avoid it safely, and
- (b) she is sailing close-hauled or above.

In addition, she shall not hail if the *obstruction* is a *mark* and a boat that is *fetching* it would be required to change course as a result of the hail.

A boat can hail or signal when those actions are not related to rule 20.

RRS C2.10 is changed to:

C2.10.3 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals by the helmsman or the tactician are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for "Room to tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for "You tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

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