Racing Rules Committee Decisions & Recommendations to Council

This “yellow paper” is a summary of the Decisions & Recommendations made at the Racing Rules Committee meeting on 27 October 2020. During its deliberations, Council will consider the Recommendations in Submission order, i.e. 001-20 to 100-19.

Recommendations to Council

044-20 Racing Rules Q&A Service - Racing Rules Question and Answer Panel - Regulation 28.3.6
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Race Officials
Recommendation to Council: Approve

Decisions

011-20 Advertising Code - Manufacturers’ Marks
Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Equipment
Opinion: Did not discuss

040-20 Racing Rules of Sailing - Case 132
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve with the following amendment:

Answer

Two boats on opposite tacks are on a beat to windward when, after their starting signal, (1) when the proper course for the course each of them would choose in order to sail the course and finish as soon as possible, in the absence of all other boats, be is close-hauled or above, or
(2) when one or both of them are overstanding a close-hauled layline to their next mark. A boat on the windward side of a close-hauled layline to a leeward mark is not 'overstanding' that layline, she is 'above' that layline.

Examples

In each of the situations 1 to 6 situation diagrams that follow, the boats shown are on opposite tacks on a beat to windward approaching and are either below, on or overstanding a close-hauled layline to the next mark of their course. This mark may be a rounding mark, a passing or limit mark, a gate mark or a finishing mark.

In situation 7 each pair of boats in the diagram below is on a beat to windward and the starboard-tack boats are each subject to rule 16.2.

041-20 Racing Rules of Sailing - MR Call G2
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Race Officials
Decision: Approve
042-20  Racing Rules of Sailing - New TR Call E11  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve

043-20  Racing Rules of Sailing - New TR Call L2  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve

045-20  Racing Rules of Sailing - Team Racing Call Book  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve

046-20  Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 50.1  
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules  
Other Committee: Race Officials  
Decision: Approve
The Committee approved by a 75% majority the rule change as an urgent rule change to take effect on 1 January 2021

Authenticated by email on 28 October 2020

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Racing Rules Committee