

# RACING RULES OF SAILING

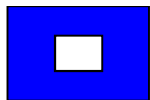
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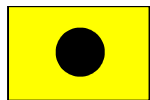
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## PREPARATORY SIGNALS



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**P** Preparatory signal.



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**I** Rule 30.1 is in effect.



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**Z** Rule 30.2 is in effect.



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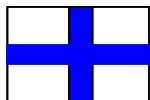
**U** Rule 30.3 is in effect.



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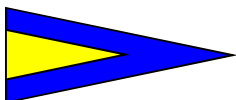
**Black flag.** Rule 30.4 is in effect.

## RECALL SIGNALS



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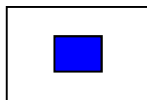
**X** Individual recall.



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**First Substitute** General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

## SHORTENED COURSE



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**S** The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

## CHANGING THE NEXT LEG



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**C** The position of the next mark has been changed:



to starboard;



to port;



to decrease the length of the leg;



to increase the length of the leg.

## OTHER SIGNALS



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**L** Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted.  
Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



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**M** The object displaying this signal replaces a missing mark.



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**Y** Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).



(no sound)

**Blue flag.** This race committee vessel is in position at the finishing line.

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## DEFINITIONS

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A term used as stated below is shown in *italic type* or, in preambles, in *bold italic type*. The meaning of several other terms is given in *Terminology in the Introduction*.

**Abandon** A race that a race committee or protest committee *abandons* is void but may be resailed.

**Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap** G3, J5, J6 One boat is *clear astern* of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is *clear ahead*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern*. However, they also *overlap* when a boat between them *overlaps* both. These terms always apply to boats on the same *tack*. They apply to boats on opposite *tacks* only when rule 18 applies between them or when both boats are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind.

**Conflict of Interest** A person has a *conflict of interest* if he

- (a) may gain or lose as a result of a decision to which he contributes,
- (b) may reasonably appear to have a personal or financial interest which could affect his ability to be impartial, or
- (c) has a close personal interest in a decision.

**Fetching** E7 A boat is *fetching a mark* when she is in a position to pass to windward of it and leave it on the required side without changing *tack*.

**Finish** K1 A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not *finished* if after crossing the finishing line she

- (a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2,
- (b) corrects an error under rule 28.2 made at the line, or
- (c) continues to sail the course.

**Keep Clear** A2, A3, A4, A5, B2, D1, D2 A boat *keeps clear* of a right-of-way boat

- (a) if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and,
- (b) when the boats are *overlapped*, if the right-of-way boat can also change course in both directions without immediately making contact.

**Leeward and Windward** G1, G3 A boat's *leeward* side is the side that is or, when she is head to wind, was away from the wind. However, when sailing by the lee or directly downwind, her *leeward* side is the side on which her mainsail lies. The other side is her *windward* side. When two boats on the same *tack overlap*, the one on the *leeward* side of the other is the *leeward* boat. The other is the *windward* boat.

**Mark** An object the sailing instructions require a boat to leave on a specified side, and a race committee vessel surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends. An anchor line or an object attached accidentally to a *mark* is not part of it.

## PART 2 WHEN BOATS MEET

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The rules of Part 2 apply between boats that are sailing in or near the racing area and intend to *race*, are *racing*, or have been *racing*. However, a boat not *racing* shall not be penalized for breaking one of these rules, except rule 14 when the incident resulted in injury or serious damage, or rule 24.1.

When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or government right-of-way rules. If the sailing instructions so state, the rules of Part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the IRPCAS or by government right-of-way rules.

### SECTION A RIGHT OF WAY

A boat has right of way over another boat when the other boat is required to *keep clear* of her. However, some rules in Sections B, C and D limit the actions of a right-of-way boat.

- 10 ON OPPOSITE TACKS** B6, D1, D2, D3, D6, G2, G5, G7, J4, J5, L3  
When boats are on opposite *tacks*, a *port-tack* boat shall *keep clear* of a *starboard-tack* boat.
- 11 ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED** A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, B1, B2, C1, C2, C4, D1, D5, D7, D10, E1, E4, E5, E6, E12, E13, F2, F4, G2, G6, J2, J3, J5, J7, L4, M4  
When boats are on the same *tack* and *overlapped*, a *windward* boat shall *keep clear* of a *leeward* boat.
- 12 ON THE SAME TACK, NOT OVERLAPPED** B3, E1, E6, F2, H1  
When boats are on the same *tack* and not *overlapped*, a boat *clear astern* shall *keep clear* of a boat clear ahead.
- 13 WHILE TACKING** A1, B2, B4, D3, D4, D5, D8, E1, E2, E3, E13, E14  
After a boat passes head to wind, she shall *keep clear* of other boats until she is on a close-hauled course. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boats are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall *keep clear*.

### SECTION B GENERAL LIMITATIONS

- 14 AVOIDING CONTACT** GenP  
A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to *room* or *mark-room*
- need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not *keeping clear* or giving *room* or *mark-room*, and
  - shall be exonerated if she breaks this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury.

## 19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction D6, D10, E4, F2, G6, H1, L10

- (a) A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an *obstruction* on either side.
- (b) When boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat shall give the inside boat *room* between her and the *obstruction*, unless she has been unable to do so from the time the *overlap* began.
- (c) While boats are passing a continuing *obstruction*, if a boat that was *clear astern* and required to *keep clear* becomes *overlapped* between the other boat and the *obstruction* and, at the moment the *overlap* begins, there is not *room* for her to pass between them, she is not entitled to *room* under rule 19.2(b). While the boats remain *overlapped*, she shall *keep clear* and rules 10 and 11 do not apply.

## 20 ROOM TO TACK AT AN OBSTRUCTION B7, D6, E4, K2

When rule 20 applies the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails:

- (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward. D1.1(d)

### 20.1 Hailing Refer D1.1(d)

A boat 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.

### 20.2 Responding Refer D1.1(d)

- (a) After a boat hails, she shall give a hailed boat time to respond.
- (b) A hailed boat shall respond even if the hail breaks rule 20.1.
- (c) A hailed boat shall respond either by tacking as soon as possible, or by immediately replying 'You tack' and then giving the hailing boat *room* to tack and avoid her.
- (d) When a hailed boat responds, the hailing boat shall tack as soon as possible.
- (e) From the time a boat hails until she has tacked and avoided a hailed boat, rule 18.2 does not apply between them.

### 20.3 Passing On a Hail to an Additional Boat

When a boat has been hailed for *room* to tack and she intends to respond by tacking, she may hail another boat on the same *tack* for *room* to tack and avoid her. She may hail even if her hail does not meet the conditions of rule 20.1. Rule 20.2 applies between her and a boat she hails.

## APPENDIX D TEAM RACING RULES

Team races shall be sailed under *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as changed by this appendix.

### D1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

#### D1.1 Definitions and the Rules of Parts 2 and 4

- (a) In the definition *Zone* the distance is changed to two hull lengths.
- (b) Rule 18.2(b) is changed to:  
If boats are *overlapped* when the first of them reaches the *zone*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*. If a boat is *clear ahead* when she reaches the *zone*, or she later becomes *clear ahead* when another boat passes head to wind, the boat *clear astern* at that moment shall thereafter give her *mark-room*. **E10**
- (c) Rule 18.4 is deleted. **H3, J5**
- (d) When rule 20 applies the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails: **M10**
  - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
  - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.Sailing instructions may delete this requirement.
- (e) Rule 24.1 is changed to: 'If reasonably possible, a boat not *racing* shall not interfere with a boat that is *racing*, and a boat that has *finished* shall not act to interfere with a boat that has not *finished*.' **K1**
- (f) Add new rule 24.3: 'When boats in different races meet, any change of course by either boat shall be consistent with complying with a *rule* or trying to win her own race.'
- (g) Add to rule 41:
  - (e) help from another boat on her team provided electronic communication is not used.
- (h) Rule 45 is deleted.

#### D1.2 Protests and Requests for Redress

- (a) Rule 60.1 is changed to: **L3, M1**

A boat may

- (a) protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 unless she was involved in the incident or the incident involved contact between members of the other team; or
  - (b) request redress.
- (b) Rule 61.1(a) is changed so that a boat may remove her red flag after it has been conspicuously displayed.