

## Rule Changes 2021- 2024.

Some are relevant to competitors directly, most are more to do with **race management**.

Eg R 50.1b- weight of trapeze harness max 6kg. Notes in italics are for explanation only, not part of a rule.

### Definitions

**Start and finish: hull** *is important NOT the crew eg for OCS, hull must be on correct side, bowsprit is NOT part of the hull for this – the **point of the bow** is important, ie jenniker can stick out.*

**Sailing the course** *but more in it.* A boat must start (*correctly, my emphasis*), sail the course and then finish. *(b) is important for rounding marks, may have to include a loop. See Rule 28*

*Note OCS boats have not STARTED, this also affects time limits- if they didn't start, they can't finish therefore they don't activate the time limit clock if they are the first boat through the line.*

**Mark** – .....the committee vessel and anything **intentionally attached to it** is part of the mark *Not anchor line. Clarifies this.*

**Mark Room** *As well as the corridor to the mark ie it's proper course, it now adds room to pass the mark. Links to R18*

**Obstruction**, *now can be an area or line designated by SIs*

**Party** *now updated, includes a support person.*

**Rules** part (b) is new rule definition:- **World Sailing Regulations..... see World Sailing Website.** (See R6).

*Old 84 now R 5*

*Old 4 now R3 (simple number change.*

**R 1 Safety- Helping those in danger.**

**R2 Fair sailing** Penalty DNE

**R5 Organising Authority, race committee etc.** Must comply!

**R6 World Sailing Regulations** Now apply.

## Part 2

**R10 Opposite tacks:11 same tack overlapped: 12 same tack not overlapped: 13 while tacking** *no changes.*

**R14 contact. Clarified and expanded.** *Exoneration* has been moved to **R43**,

**R16.2 . Starboard boat cannot change course when a port tack boat is trying to go to leeward.** *(ie duck behind, applies to going to windward only)*

### R18 Giving Mark Room

**R18.1 (New )** :when mark room has been given, R 18 no longer applies.

**R 18.3 when port tack boat passes head to wind must give room for a boat on starboard. R18.2 does not apply.**

**R19.2 (c)** *just been reformed.*

**R20 Room to tack at an obstruction**  
*See new definition of obstruction*

**Remember 20.2 (b)** *you must respond to a hail even if you think it is wrong!*

**R20.4** *Additional means of hailing see NOR/SIs.*

*Old R21= R43 Exoneration*

## Part3 CONDUCT of a RACE *(race management)*

**R25.1** *NOR must be available before accepting entries.Include ref to R40.1*

**R26** *Starting instructions must be in NOR*

### R28 SAILING THE RACE.

**R28.1** *A boat will start\*, sail the course and finish\*.....*  
*(Note \*new definitions of start and finish.)*

**R29 RECALLS** *(stays the same)*

### R35 Time limit

*If one boat finishes within the time limit, then all boats that finish shall be scored.*  
*(Note OCS boats may not trigger this, see earlier.Check with Sis to see if this is changed.)*

**R37 Search and rescue instructions.** *New safety rule*

**When flag V with one short sound, all boats and official and support vessels shall, if possible monitor the race committee channel for search and rescue instructions.** *(on VHF)*

## **Part 4**

### **R40 Personal Floatation Devices**

**R40.1/2** *Wear PFDs (see SIs)*

**R41** *“Outside help” is allowed only in certain situations.*

**R42.3** *Pumping is allowed for foiling boats more than others*

### **R43 EXONERATION**

*This has been extended beyond forced to hit a mark.*

*If one boat causes another to break a rule, the other is **exonerated**.*

**R43.2** **The boat exonerated... need not take a penalty and shall not be penalised for breaking that rule.**

### **R47 TRASH DISPOSAL**

*Don't throw trash overboard, even rubber bands or cotton round the spinnaker*

**R48.2.** *Get back in the boat when you fall out, can't 'lose' a crew member.*

### **R50 Competitor Clothing and Equipment.**

**R50.1** *Maximum weighs given*                      *50.1c not yet implemented.*

### **R55 Setting and sheeting Sails**

**R55.3** *All new, but no outriggers allowed.*

**R55.4** *you need to look up “The Equipment Rules of Sailing” at World Sailing Site.*

### **R56 Fog Signals and Lights. (All new)**

**R56.1** *Sound Fog and lights \* as per International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) \*if fitted.*

**R56.2** *A boat will comply with rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes of the IRPCAS. See appendix TS.*

## **PART 5 Protests; Redress; Hearings; Misconduct and Appeals**

**R60** *most stay the same.*

*Added is the "report to the protest committee requesting action under Rule 60.3(d) or 69.2(b)"*

**R61.1(a)** *Inform the other boat at the **first** reasonable opportunity.....*

**R61.1(b)** .... *added is " A notice posted on the Official Notice Board within the appropriate time limit satisfies this requirement"*

**R61.3 Protest Time Limit**

*Default is 2 hours after last boat finishes-- check SIs*

**R62 Redress**

**R62.2(a)** On last day of an event a request for redress .....shall be delivered no later 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

**R63 Hearings.**

**R63.2 Time and Place of the Hearing: Time for Parties to Prepare.**

*All "information or **allegations** shall be made available to them....."*

**R63.6 Taking Evidence and Finding Facts**

*This has been expanded see 63.6 (a) (d)*

**R64 Decisions**

**R64.1 (a) (b) and (c) New Standard of Proof**

**R64.5 Support persons** and the boat that is party to the incident can be penalised for breaking a rule.(New)

**R64.6 Discretionary penalties**

**R65.3** *Result of protest may (or may not) confidential as directed by Protest Committee.*

**R66 Reopening a hearing**

**R 66.2, 66.3** *Further explanation of when/how to reopen hearings.*

**R 70 Appeals**

**R70.3, 70.5** *Clarification of which national authority to use and when it can't*