

2021-2024 Rule Changes for Race Officers

CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING for **RACE OFFICERS**



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Who Finished First?

- Note the finish pin ahead of the bow of the boat
- Watch carefully, which boat crosses the line first?
- If you said the far boat, you'd be correct... under the current rules
- However, in the 2021-24 RRS, the near boat finishes first. Why?



The Life Cycle of a rule in the RRS

- Official RRS is published January 1 in the year after the Olympics.
- World Sailing Q&A Service – a listing of scenarios designed to assist race officials in applying the rules consistently.
- Each scenario is reviewed by the WS Q&A panel prior to its expiration and may be recommended to the RRC and ROC for submission as a Case, Call, or rule change



The Life Cycle of a rule in the RRS

- The Q&A Service provides answers to questions posed by WS Officials.
- The Case Book provides definitive interpretations of the RRS
- The Call Books for Match Racing and Team Racing provide clear direction for how certain incidents will be called, on the water
- The RRC and ROC review submissions and produce the first draft of the new RRS by June 30 in the last year of the quad



The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions

- The importance of the Notice of Race continues to grow in the new rules.
- Always remember that the NoR is, in effect, a contract between the event and its registered competitors. It provides the information, on which, competitors will decide to participate or not.
- It's highly important that you, as the race officer are fully aware of all the details in the NoR and, if possible, have input into its development



The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions

- Previously **Appendix J1** consisted of two parts, there are now three
- **J1.1** is largely unchanged. It contains those items that must be included in the NoR
 - Special note on **J1.1(3)**, it now has wording related to access to electronic (online) copies of documents governing an event
- **J1.2** is the new rule. It contains twelve items that used to be acceptable in either NoR or SI, but now must be in the NoR
- **J1.3** , is largely the former **J1.2**



The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions

- All requirements for the SI's to duplicate a rule in the NoR have been eliminated
- In the preamble to Appendix J it states “*A rule in the notice of race need not be repeated in the sailing instructions*”
- In both the **SI J2.1** and **J2.2** the preamble starts with “*Unless included in the Notice of Race*”
- Competitors, coaches, officials will all have to read and fully understand the NoR and keep a copy available



The Changes

- There are not a substantial number of significant changes
- Many changes are just renumbering or minor rewording for clarification, and do not change the spirit of the rule
- Many changes are consequential, impacting other rules

The rules are not perfect and
are continuously evolving!



The Sail Canada Rule Book – 2021-24

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Changes to the RRS – Introduction

- Nothing significant



Definitions

- ***Finish***
 - “*Crew and Equipment in normal position*” have been removed
 - It is “*Hull*” only now
- ***Start***
 - Same as for *finish*
- ***Sail the Course***
 - The “*string theory*” has been removed from **rule 28.2** and is now listed as this new definition



Part 1 – Fundamental Rules

- **Rule 2** - The penalty has reverted back to what it was in the 2013-16 RRS (DNE)
- **Rule 5** – New rule governing race officials replacing former rule 84.
- **Rule 6** – New rule encompasses the old rules 5,6, and 7, World Sailing Regulations. This lists the Regulations that are “Rules”



Part 2 – When Boats Meet

- **Preamble** – when the rules of Part 2 are replaced by the IRPCAS or other right of way rules, it is now required to be stated in the NoR, not the SI
- **Case 39** - *“A race committee is not required to protest a boat. The primary responsibility for enforcing the rules lies with the competitors.”*



Part 3 – Conduct of a Race

- **Rule 25** – “*The notice of race shall be made available to each boat that enters an event before she enters*”
- **Rule 28** – Sailing the Race – this now contains the three definitions that are the elements of sailing a race;
 - *Starting, Sailing the Course, and Finishing*
- **Rule 37** – new rule indicating that all boats and official vessels must monitor the RC channels for search and rescue information
 - Flag “V” with one sound has been added to Race Signals.



Part 4 – Other Requirements When Racing

- Only thing of note is **rule 48.2**
 - Previously stated that a person who has left a boat accidentally or to swim, had to be back on board before the boat continued racing
 - Now it only requires that the crew be back in “contact” with the boat before the crew resumes sailing to the next mark



Part 5 – Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct....

- **Rule 61.1(b)** – Protest by the RC, has a line added that states that “*a notice posted on the official notice board within the appropriate time limit satisfies the rule’s notification requirement*”



Part 6 – Entry and Qualification

- Nothing significant



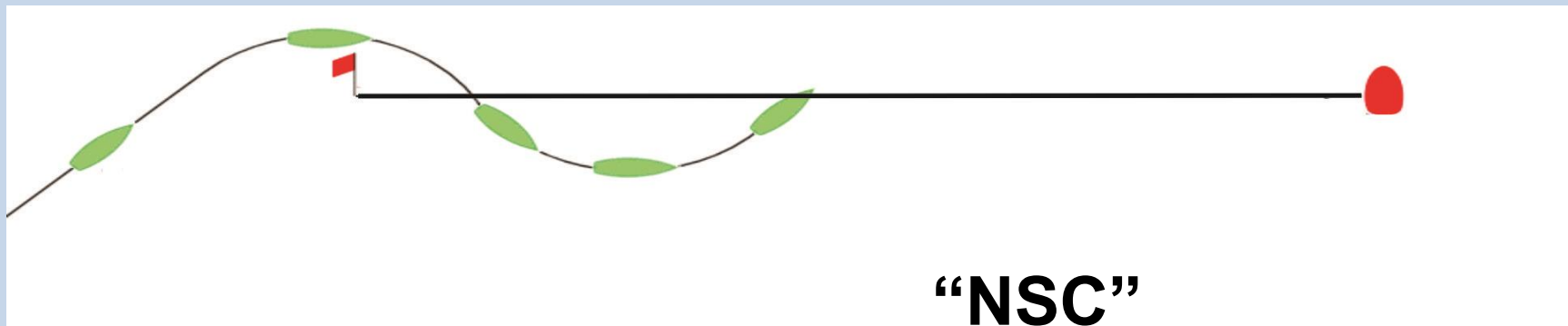
Part 7 – Race Organization

- **Rule 84** – Governing Rules is removed, now fundamental rule 5
- **Rule 86.1(a)** – Changes to the Rules, has additional rules which now cannot be changed. **Rule 47** – Trash disposal, and **Rule 50** Competitor Clothing and Equipment
- **Rule 90.3(e)** – New rule allows, when stated in the NoR, for a time limit on making changes to race or series results including the correction of errors



Appendix A - Scoring

- **Appendix A5** – Scores Determined by the RC now has three parts:
- **A5.1** – Is the previous A5 which now also includes the requirement for an RC to score a boat accordingly that did not *Sail the Course (NSC)* without a hearing.



Appendix A

- **A5.2** identifies the scores handed out “...one more than the number of boats entered in the series...”
- **A5.3** changes **A5.2** when the NoR or SI so states by adding “*a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series*”
- This eliminates **A9** – “*scores in a series longer than a regatta*” and brings that wording under **A5.3**



Other Appendices

- **Appendix B** – Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules
- **Appendix C** – Match Racing Rules
- **Appendix D** – Team Racing Rules
- **Appendix E** – Radio Sailing Racing Rules
- **Appendix F** – Kiteboarding Racing Rules



Appendix J, K, and L

- As discussed earlier
- **Appendix K&L** will soon be available for download from both the WS and Sail Canada websites in either pdf or word format



Other Appendices

- **Appendix N** – International Juries
 - No wording for “virtual” presence of members
- **Appendix P** – Special Procedures for Rule 42
 - Nothing significant
- **Appendix S** – Standard Sailing Instructions
 - **S13.5** is deleted – request for redress on the last scheduled day



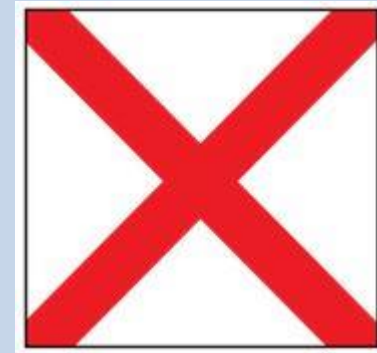
Appendix V

- **Appendix V** – Sound Signaling Starting System
 - Adapted from US Sailing’s Appendix U
 - Must be stated in the SI
- Changes **rule 26** by removing visual signals and changing timing
- Changes **rule 29.1** to just a hail and no “X” flag
- Eliminates **rule 30**, starting penalties, altogether



Race Signals

- **Flag V** – Monitor communications channel for safety instructions



Sources and Acknowledgments

- Dave Perry - A quick overview of the significant rule and game changes in the 2021-24 RRS
- Capt. Tribhuwan Jaiswal - Changes in RRS 2021-24
- Dick Rose – The RRS for 2021-2024, Study Version
- Web resources
 - World Sailing – www.sailing.org – technical tab
 - Sail Canada – www.sailing.ca – competition tab
 - Racingrulesofsailing.org – RRS and forums tabs

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