



# Umpiring Update

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## Aims

*To provide a broad update to the developments in umpiring and the rules over the last two years.*

*A chance for you to ask those burning questions.*



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# RACING RULES OF SAILING



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## C2.12

**Rule 18.2(e) is changed to ‘If a boat obtained an inside *overlap and* from the time the *overlap began, the outside boat has been unable to give mark-room, she is not required to give it.*’**



# ISAF CASES



- 2010 Supplement
- 2011 Supplement



## Case 114

*When a boat is entitled to room, the space she is entitled to includes space for her to keep clear of or give room to other boats when required to do so by the rules.*



# ISAF STANDARD DOCUMENTATION



## NoR 6.3

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by the ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)



## Match Racing Damage Guidance

Appendix C6.6 and C8.6 permits the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reason to do so, it may apply a different penalty.



## Point Penalties - to be applied without a hearing (this amends Appendix C8.6);

LEVEL	ROUND ROBIN	KNOCKOUT
A	NONE	NONE
B	HALF	THREE QUARTERS
C	ONE	ONE

When both boats break RRS 14, they should both receive a points penalty. If a competitor requests a hearing after a points penalty has been imposed, the protest committee may decide (in the hearing) to give a greater penalty.



# Sailing Instructions

The guideline document: 'Match Racing Penalties for Damage Resulting from Contact between Boats' has been added as new SI Appendix E, and relevant references are now included in SI 1.5 and NoR 7.2.



## SI 18 – Code of Conduct

(c) The following actions by skippers and/or crew while racing may be considered a breach of sportsmanship under RRS C8.3(c) and may result in an umpire initiated penalty under RRS C5.2 or C5.3:

- Excessive attempts to verbally coerce, coach or influence umpire decisions;
- Repetitive or ongoing objection to an umpire decision (verbal or otherwise);
- Abuse of umpires before or after a decision (See also Call MR13).



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(e) Gross breaches of this SI may be referred to the PC/IJ by the OA for action under RRS 69.



# CALL BOOKS



# Match Racing Call Book

- Nov 2010 Supplement to Match Racing Call Book – 8 new calls & 1 amendment
- November 2009 Supplement to Match Racing Call Book – 5 new calls – 3 amendments



# Team Racing Call Book

- November 2010 Supplement to the Team Racing Call Book – 2 amendments
- November 2009 Supplement to the Team Racing Call Book – 6 new calls, 1 revised
- Both books currently called 2010 supplements!



# RAPID RESPONSE CALLS



## Match Racing Rapid Response Calls

[2010/006](#) Clarifications about changing tacks downwind

[2010/007](#) Sculling in Match Race

[2010/005](#) When windward bears away hard - or Windward / Windward

[2010/004](#) Another windward mark situation



# Team Racing Rapid Response Calls



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# UMPIRE SPEAK DEVELOPMENTS