

RC 44
Event Calls

Oct 18, 2023

RC 44
EVENT CALL 01 (Old 04)

Question

When would the umpires consider the spinnaker being in the process of hoisting?

Answer

The umpires will consider the spinnaker as being in the process of hoisting when the spinnaker head is continuously moving upwards and the spinnaker would fill on the course the boat is sailing at that time.

The bowsprit extending, or the tack being pulled out will not be considered as hoisting.

January 2013

RC 44

EVENT CALL 02 (Old 05)

Question 1

Can a boat after having missed a rounding mark, correct this error after having crossed the finishing line from the course side?

Answer

No.

Question 2

In a match race both boats fail to round a rounding mark and then cross the finishing line. Neither boat protests. How will the race be scored?

Answer

The race will be scored 0-0 and the race will not be resailed.

February 2013

RC 44

EVENT CALL 03 (Old 07)

Question

When would the umpires consider a boat has a controlling position?

Answer

The umpires will consider a boat has a controlling position over the other boat in her match when she is ahead and able to manoeuvre towards the next mark without impediment or in a position to be able to impede, affect or change the actions of the other boat. If both boats are able to impede, affect or change the actions of the other boat neither boat may have a controlling position.

June 2014

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EVENT CALL 04 (Old 08)

Umpires shall not change their decisions, but they may promptly correct a visual signal that was displayed in error.

This will be accompanied by a further sound signal.

August 2014

RC 44

EVENT CALL 05 (Old 09)

Two boats approach each other on opposite tacks and Starboard clearly signals to Port that Port can cross in front of her.
Port crosses and Starboard immediately protests Port for not keeping clear.

What action should the umpires take?

If the Umpires are absolutely certain that the signal by Starboard was clear and:

- a) Port was not keeping clear, then penalize Starboard for breaking rule 2.
Port is exonerated for breaking rule 10 by rule 64.1(a).

- b) Port was keeping clear, then display the green and white flag.

March 2015

RC 44

EVENT CALL 06 (Old 10)

Request for a delay before the starting procedure in Match-Race and in Fleet race:

Match-Race

The matches will start in the order as provided by the pairing list attached to the SI.
The Race Committee will not delay the starting procedure or change the order of matches in the next flight when requested to do so by a competitor.

Fleet Race

The Race Committee will consider a request for a delay due to a breakdown between races.
This delay will not exceed a total of 20 minutes from either the announced time of a Warning Signal or the original intended time for a Warning Signal as determined by the Race Committee.

February 2016

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EVENT CALL 07

OBSTRUCTION AND ZONE

1. Are the following objects ranked as obstruction?

	Description	Obstruction
1	Person(s) in the water	YES
2	Person(s) aboard of any craft except a boat racing	YES
3	An umpire boat	YES
4	A boat racing: the boats are required to keep clear or to give mark-room to her	YES
5	A boat racing: the boats are required to avoid her if rule 23 applies	YES
6	A boat racing: the boats are NOT required to keep clear or to give mark-room	NO

2. For the purpose of RRS 19.1, to which of the following obstructions the definition of zone is applicable?

	Description	Zone
1	Person(s) in the water	YES
2	Person(s) aboard of any craft except a boat racing	YES
3	An umpire boat	NO
4	A boat racing: the boats are required to keep clear or to give mark-room to her	NO
5	A boat racing: the boats are required to avoid her if rule 23 applies	YES

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(WS RRS: black types – RC 44 Sl: red/underlined types)

Q1.1(c) Obstruction

An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also obstructions. However, a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her or to give mark room to her or, if rule 23 applies, avoid her.

The following objects always rank as obstructions:

(a) any vessel with a person (or persons) aboard that is not a racing boat;

(b) any person (or persons) in the water.

A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.

Q1.1(i) RRS 19.1 is changed to:

When Rule 19 Applies

Rule 19 applies between two boats at an obstruction or when at least one of them is in the zone of an obstruction that is different from an umpire boat or a boat racing the boats are required to keep clear or to give mark-room to her, except

(a) when the obstruction is a mark the boats are required to leave on the same side, or

(b) when rule 18 applies between the boats and the obstruction is another boat overlapped with each of them.

However, at a continuing obstruction, rule 19 always applies and rule 18 does not.

April 2019

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EVENT CALL 08

OBSTRUCTION WITH A ZONE

1- At an obstruction with a zone, when is a boat “at the obstruction”?

When a boat enters the zone, that boat is “at the obstruction”.

2- How will the umpires decide which side of the obstruction a right-of-way boat has chosen to pass?

When “at the obstruction” it is clear on which side of the obstruction the right-of-way boat is aiming, then the right-of-way boat shall pass the obstruction on that side.

If it is not clear when entering the zone on which side the right-of-way boat is aiming, then as soon as it is clear she is passing one side or the other of the obstruction, she shall pass on that side.

If the course of the other boat was not affected by the right-of-way boat not passing on the determined side or, the right-of-way boat had to fulfil obligations under the rules of Part 2 towards another boat, she will not be penalized.

April 2019

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Event Call 09

When a boat is rounding or passing a geostationary mark and she breaks rule 31 the boat will be penalized.

She is only exonerated from that infringement under rules 43, 44.1(a) or if the umpire(s) display(s) a green and white flag after being certain that the contact only occurred because of a sudden, significant and abnormal movement of the geostationary mark.

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