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Dear Bertrand

**Authorisation to Change the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024**

I am writing to confirm that, under RRS 86.2, World Sailing authorises the organizing authorities of the events of the 2021 RC44 Tour to change the Racing Rules of Sailing as set out in the Appendices to this letter.

In accordance with RRS 86.2, a copy of this letter must be posted on the official notice board of each event and a statement of World Sailing's approval must appear in the notice of race and sailing instructions.

I should be grateful if you can send World Sailing a report, within one month of the series conclusion, of these changes for the benefit of evaluating the development of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of World Sailing

The following changes will be added in the beginning of Addendum Q.  
Addendum Q will be part of the SIs with the title "Addendum RC 44 Vs. 2021".

## ADDENDUM RC 44 Vs. 2021

These sailing instructions change the definitions of *Mark-Room*, *Obstruction*, *Proper Course*, *Zone* and RRS 13, 17, 19.1, 20.1, 21.3, 31, 36, 42.3, 43.1, 44.1, 44.2, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, and 66 and adds new RRS 7, 20.5.

### Q1 CHANGES TO THE RRS

#### Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 1, 2, 3 and 4.

- (a) Spare
- (b) The definition of *Mark-Room* is changed to:  
"Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side, and *room* to pass a finishing *mark* after *finishing*.  
However, *mark-room* for a boat does not include *room* to tack unless she is *overlapped* inside and to *windward* of the boat required to give *mark-room* and she would be *fetching* the *mark* after her tack.
- (c) The third sentence of the definition of *Obstruction* is deleted and substituted with:  
"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 22 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."
- (d) Add to the definition *Proper Course*; "A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*."
- (e) The definition of *Zone* is changed to:  
"The area around a *mark* or an *obstruction*, except when it is also
  - (a) an umpire boat, or
  - (b) a boat *racing* the boats are required to *keep clear* or to give *mark-room* to her,within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*."
- (f) Add new RRS 7 to Part 1: LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY  
The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.
- (g) RRS 13 is deleted.
- (h) RRS 17 is deleted.
- (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.
- (l) RRS 20.1 is changed to:  
Rule 20 only applies to a starboard-tack boat.  
A boat on starboard 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.  
A boat can hail or signal when those actions are not related to rule 20.
- (m) Add new RRS 20.5:  
When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals by the helmsman or the tactician are required in addition to the hails:
  - (a) for "Room to tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
  - (b) for "You tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.
- (n) Rule 21.3 is deleted.
- (o) RRS 31 Touching a Mark  
Rule 31 is changed to "While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull, boom, standing rigging, bowsprit shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing."
- (p) Add RRS 42.3(L):  
"A boat may pump any sail without limitation"

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The third sentence of the definition of *Obstruction* is deleted and substituted with:

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 22 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.
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RRS C2.4 is changed to:

The definition *Zone* is changed to:

**Zone** The area around a *mark* or an *obstruction*, except when it is also

- (a) an umpire boat, or
- (b) a boat racing the boats are required to *keep clear* or to give *mark-room* to her,

within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*.

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RRS C2.6 is changed to:

Rule 13 is deleted

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RRS 19.1 and C2.10 are changed to:

C2.10.1 **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.

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RRS 20.1 and C2.10 are changed to:

C2.10.2 Rule 20 only applies to a starboard-tack boat.

A boat on starboard 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.

A boat can hail or signal when those actions are not related to rule 20.

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RRS C2.10 is changed to:

C2.10.3 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals by the helmsman or the tactician are required in addition to the hails:

(a) for "Room to tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward;  
and

(b) for "You tack", repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.