

Respect, Rules and Tactics

Limitations of the right of way boat

SSCBC Couta Conversation

What we will cover



Respect

Rules Structure

Rule Scenarios and Tactics

Couta Questions

Couta Boat Rule Change

Respect - for the fleet



- Be a good sport. Applaud your opponents when they get one up on you.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or try to take an unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your fellow sailors/boating participants, without them there would be no competition.

https://sscbc.com.au/club-info/safety/mpp/#sailingboating-participant-code-of-conduct

How should the game be played?



Safe

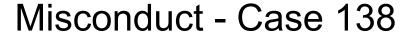
Fair

Fun

Inclusive

Competitive







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- Engaging in any unlawful activity (for example, theft, assault, criminal damage)
- Engaging in any activity which may bring the sport into disrepute
- Bullying, discriminatory behaviour and intimidation
- Physical or threatened violence
- Acting recklessly or in manner that does, or is likely to, cause damage or injury
- Disobeying the reasonable instructions of event officials
- Intentionally breaking a rule or inciting others to break a rule

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/cases/1272?page=14

Misconduct - Case 138



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- Interference with another competitor's equipment
- Repeated breaches of a rule
- Failing to act to prevent your boat or team breaking a rule when you are aware of that breach
- Not telling the truth or the whole truth in a hearing
- Other forms of cheating such as falsifying personal, class or measurement documents, entering a boat known not to measure, missing out a mark to gain places, etc.
- Foul or abusive language that causes or may cause offence
- Making abusive or disrespectful comments concerning race officials or their decisions (including via electronic means such as social media)

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Facts for Question 3

A boat is sailing upwind on port tack and attempts to cross ahead of a boat on starboard tack. The port-tack boat misjudges the cross and fails to keep clear.

Question 3

Has the port-tack boat intentionally broken a rule?

Answer 3

No. A **misjudgment such as this is common during a race** and is not unfair sailing or an act of misconduct. In order for it to be unfair sailing or an act of misconduct, there must be evidence that the boat knew or should have known that she would not make the cross and attempted to do so anyway.

However, when the port-tack boat realizes that she has failed to keep clear, she has knowingly broken a rule and must take the appropriate penalty. Otherwise she has broken a recognized principle of sportsmanship (see Basic Principles, Sportsmanship and the Rules).

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People still have different opinions



