



# 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>



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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).

# The Club





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# People still have different opinions

