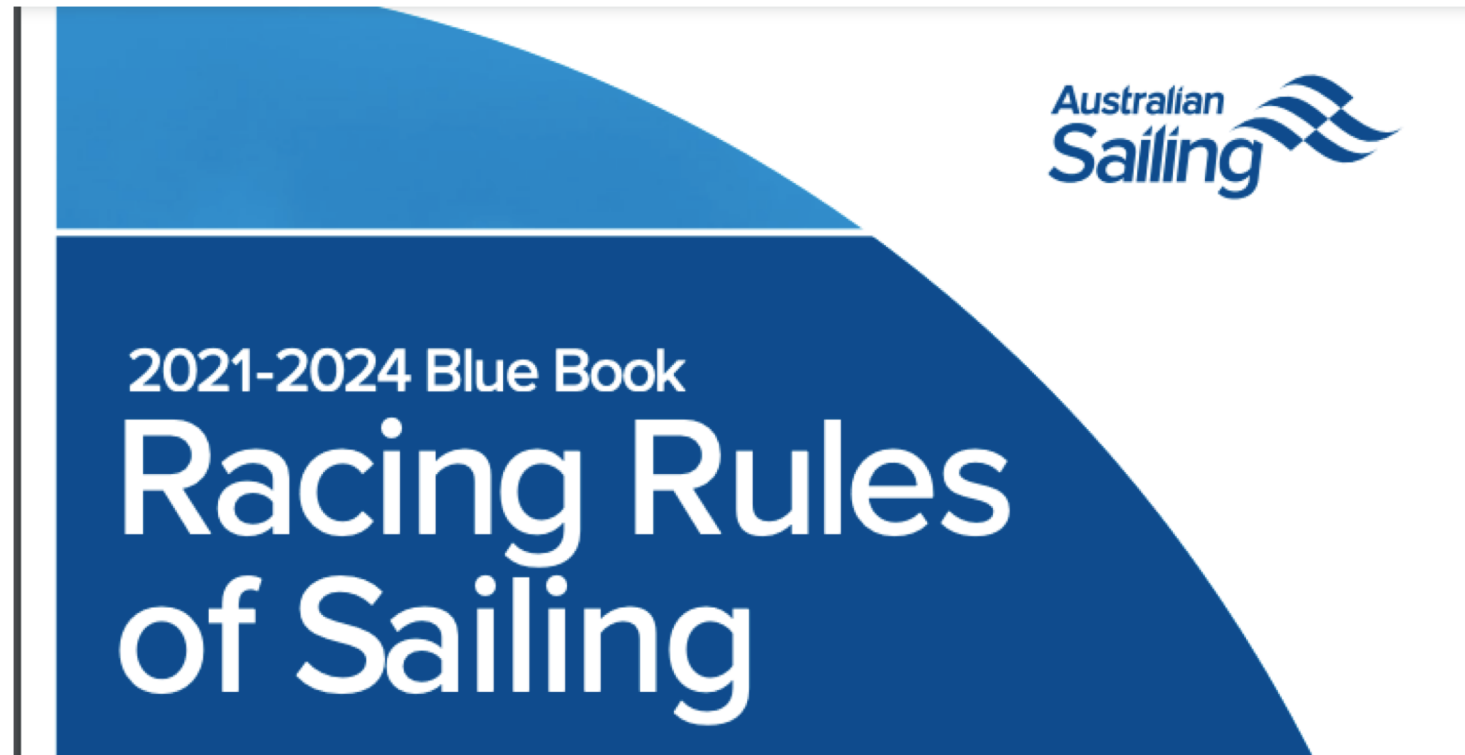


Couta Conversation



Couta Boat Highlights

- Highlights of the Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing – for 1 Jan 2021.
- First in a series of communications.

HULL

- Start, Finish and OCS rules now refer to the “Hull” – not the “boat”
- For Couta Boats we will change this back to “Hull including Bowsprit”

29 RECALLS

29.1 Individual Recall

When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with [rule 30.1](#), the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until the hull of each such boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions, and until all such boats have complied with [rule 30.1](#) if it applies, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later

Hull including
bowsprit



Race Signals

Other Signals



L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



Y Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).



(no sound)

Orange flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line.



(no sound)

Blue flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line.

Sail the Course

Sail the Course A boat *sails the course* provided that a string representing her track from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its pre-start side to *start* until she *finishes*, when drawn taut,


- (a) passes each *mark* of the course for the race on the required side and in the correct order,
- (b) touches each *mark* designated in the sailing instructions to be a rounding *mark*, and
- (c) passes between the *marks* of a gate from the direction of the course from the previous *mark*.

Support Persons

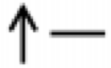
1 SAFETY

1.1 Helping Those in Danger

A boat, competitor or *support person* shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.



Safety



V Monitor communication channel for safety instructions (see rule 37).

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SEARCH AND RESCUE INSTRUCTIONS

When the race committee displays flag V with one sound, all boats and official and support vessels shall, if possible, monitor the race committee communication channel for search and rescue instructions.

Everyone ha to follow the rules


5 RULES GOVERNING ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS

The organizing authority, race committee, technical committee, protest committee and other race officials shall be governed by the *rules* in the conduct and judging of the event.

Hails -

- “Protest” – “Room to Tack” – “You Tack”
- Can be another language if people use that language and it would be understood.
- Cannot be other words: “Don’t go there” does not mean “protest”.
- If hails may not be heard, other signals need to be used - Waving

20.4 Additional Requirements for Hails

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- (a) When conditions are such that a hail may not be heard, the boat shall also make a signal that clearly indicates her need for *room* to tack or her response.
 - (b) The notice of race may specify an alternative communication for a boat to indicate her need for *room* to tack or her response, and require boats to use it.

No penalty for certain help

41 OUTSIDE HELP

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except

- (a) help for a crew member who is ill, injured or in danger;
- (b) after a collision, help from the crew of the other vessel to get clear;
- (c) help in the form of information freely available to all boats;
- (d) unsolicited information from a disinterested source, which may be another boat in the same race.

43 EXONERATION

- 43.1** (a) When as a consequence of breaking a *rule* a boat has compelled another boat to break a *rule*, the other boat is exonerated for her breach.
- (b) When a boat is sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled and, as a consequence of an incident with a boat required to give her that *room* or *mark-room* she breaks a rule of [Section A](#) of [Part 2](#), [rule 15](#), [16](#), or [31](#), she is exonerated for her breach.
- (c) A right-of-way boat, or one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled, is exonerated for breaking [rule 14](#) if the contact does not cause damage or injury.

Automatic exoneration

Part 4 OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHEN RACING

43.2 A boat exonerated for breaking a *rule* need not take a penalty and shall not be penalized for breaking that *rule*.

- (e) When so stated in the notice of race, notwithstanding the provisions of [rules 90.3\(a\)](#), [\(b\)](#), [\(c\)](#) and [\(d\)](#), there shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 24 hours after
- (1) the protest time limit for the last race of the series (including a single-race series);
 - (2) being informed of a protest committee decision after the last race of the series (including a single-race series); or
 - (3) the results are published.

However, in exception, changes to scores shall be made resulting from a decision under [rules 6](#), [69](#) or [70](#). The notice of race may change '24 hours' to a different time.

Did not sail the course

A5.2 A boat that did not *start*, did not sail the course, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. A boat that is penalized under [rule 30.2](#) or that takes a penalty under [rule 44.3\(a\)](#) shall be scored points as provided in [rule 44.3\(c\)](#).