

## WORLD SAILING DEVELOPMENT RULES

### **DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room**

*Under Regulation 28.1.5(b), World Sailing has approved the use of these rules to determine if rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and the definition Mark-Room can be improved. When used, all the rules outlined below shall be adopted without any change.*

*These development rules shall not be used at an event where the marks being used are also used by events who are not using these development rules.*

*Races may be sailed under these rules only if the notice of race so states, with reference to the relevant version of these development rules, and that the rules are made available to all competitors.*

*These rules may be invoked by a NoR rule: “The current version of Development Rule DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room shall apply. See Addendum X.”*

*If the NoR has already been published, an amendment to the NoR must be published stating: “Amendment to the NoR. Add new rule 1.x: ‘The current version of Development Rule DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room shall apply. See Addendum X.’”*

*The rules shall be published as an attachment to the event NoR, or a description of where to find the rules shall be included.*

*Feedback in the form of a report to World Sailing is required, and suggestions for improvement shall be sent to [rules@sailing.org](mailto:rules@sailing.org) within one month of the completion of any event adopting these rules.*

***When DR22-01 is used, this paragraph and the paragraphs above should be deleted.***

## **Addendum X to the Notice of Race**

### **DR22-01 Rule 18, the preamble to Section C, and Mark-Room**

*This Development Rule has been approved by World Sailing in accordance with Regulation 28.1.5(b) and shall be published as part of the NoR.*

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#### **Definition Mark-Room**

*Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark, and room to pass a finishing mark after finishing.*

#### **Preamble to Section C**

*Section C rules do not apply at a starting **mark** surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line.*

## **18 MARK-ROOM**

### **18.1 When Rule 18 Applies**

- (a) Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply
  - (1) between boats on opposite *tacks* on a beat to windward or when the *proper course* at the *mark* for one but not both of them is to tack,
  - (2) between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it, or
  - (3) if the *mark* is a continuing *obstruction*, in which case rule 19 applies.
  
- (b) Rule 18 no longer applies between boats when the boat entitled to *mark-room* has left the *mark* astern and is on a course to begin sailing the next leg, or is no longer *racing*.

### **18.2 Giving Mark-Room**

- (a) When the first of two boats reaches the *zone*,
  - (1) if the boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall give the inside boat *mark-room*.
  - (2) if the boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* at that moment shall give the other boat *mark-room*.
- (b) When a boat is required to give *mark-room* by rule 18.2(a), she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins.
- (c) If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an *overlap* before the first of two boats reached the *zone*, it shall be presumed that she did not.
- (d) Rule 18.2(a) no longer applies if the boat entitled to *mark-room* passes head to wind or leaves the *zone*.
- (e) When rule 18.2(a) does not apply and the boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*.

### **18.3 Tacking in the Zone**

If a boat has passed head to wind in the *zone* and another boat was *fetching* the *mark* at that time,

- (a) rule 18.2 does not apply between them, and
- (b) at a *mark* to be left to port, if the other boat has been on *starboard tack* since entering the *zone*, the boat that tacked shall
  - (1) not cause the other boat to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact, and
  - (2) give *mark-room* if the other boat becomes *overlapped* inside her.

### **18.4 Gybing in the Zone**

When an inside *overlapped* boat must gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, she shall not sail farther from the *mark* than needed to sail her *proper course* if this affects the choice of course of an outside boat.