

Definitions continued:

Mark-Room *Room* for a boat to **leave** a **mark** on the **required side**. Also,

(a) **room to sail to the mark** when her **proper course** is to sail close to it, and

(b) **room to round or pass** the **mark** as necessary to **sail the course without touching the mark**.

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.

Mark-room will be covered in detail under Rule 18

Obstruction An object that a boat could not pass **without changing course substantially**, if she were sailing directly towards it and **one** of her **hull lengths** from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an object, area or line so designated by the sailing instructions are also **obstructions**. However, a **boat racing is not an obstruction** to other boats **unless they are required to keep clear** of her **or**, if **rule 22 applies**, avoid her. A **vessel under way**, including a boat **racing**, is **never a continuing obstruction**.

*Rule 22: capsized, **anchored**, or aground; rescuing*

Overlap See **Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap**.

Party A party to a hearing is

(a) for a protest hearing: a **protestor**, a **protestee**;

(b) for a redress hearing: a **boat requesting redress** or for which redress is requested; a **boat for which a hearing is called** to consider redress under rule 60.3(b); a **race committee** acting under **rule 60.2(b)**; a **technical committee** acting under **rule 60.4(b)**;

(c) for a redress hearing under rule 62.1(a): the **body alleged** to have **made** an **improper action or omission**;

(d) a **person** against whom an **allegation of a breach of rule 69.1(a)** is made; a **person presenting an allegation** under rule 69.2(e)(1);

(e) a **support person subject** to a **hearing under rule 60.3(d) or 69**; any **boat that person supports**; a **person appointed to present an allegation** under rule 60.3(d).

However, the protest committee is never a party.

Rules and their titles in top right corner to help with context.

Rule 60: Right to Protest; to request redress, or rule 69 action
Rule 60.2: a race committee may
Rule 60.3: a protest committee may
Rule 60.4: a technical committee may
Rule 62.1: Redress
Rule 69: Misconduct
Rule 69.1: Obligation not to commit misconduct; resolution
Rule 69.2: Action by a protest committee

Definitions continued:

Postpone A postponed race is delayed before its scheduled start but may be started or *abandoned* later.

Doesn't mean a boat has to sail straight to the mark. If the captain thinks better wind or current, etc. by bearing away or heading up, he may without violating rules in Part 2, "When boats meet"

Proper Course A course a boat would choose **in order to sail the course and finish** as soon as possible **in the absence of the other boats** referred to in the rule using the term. A boat has **no proper course before her starting signal**.

Very important and I think understood well throughout the fleet

Protest An **allegation** made under rule 61.2 by a boat, a race committee, a technical committee or a protest committee that a **boat has broken a rule**.

Racing A boat is *racing* from her **preparatory signal until she finishes** and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.

Room The **space a boat needs** in the existing conditions, including **space to comply with her obligations** under the rules of Part 2 and rule 31, **while maneuvering** promptly in a seamanlike way.

Part 2 – When Boats Meet
Rule 31: touching a mark

Rule

- (a) The **rules in this book**, including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction, preambles & of relevant appendices, but not titles;
- (b) **World Sailing Regulations** that have been designated by World Sailing as having the status of a *rule* and are published on the World Sailing website;
- (c) the **prescriptions of the national authority**, unless they are changed by the notice of race or sailing instructions in compliance with the national authority's prescription, if any, to rule 88.2;
- (d) the **class rules** (for a boat racing under a handicap or rating system, the rules of that system are 'class rules');
- (e) the **notice of race**;
- (f) the **sailing instructions**; and
- (g) **any other documents** that govern the event.

Definitions continued:

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 prestart 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*.

“touches” is a bad term if taken out of context. Don’t touch the marks. That is a one turn penalty. This comment is referring to the taut string.

Start A boat *starts* when, her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, *at or after her starting signal*, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, *any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side*.

Rule 30.1: Flag rule

Support Person Any person who

- (a) provides, or may provide, physical or advisory support to a competitor, including any coach, trainer, manager, team staff, medic, paramedic or any other person working with, treating or assisting a competitor in or preparing for the competition, or
- (b) is the parent or guardian of a competitor.

Tack, Starboard or Port A boat is on the *tack, starboard or port*, corresponding to her *windward* side.

Windward See *Leeward and Windward*.

Zone The *area around a mark* 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*.