The ISAF RACING RULES of SAILING
AMERICA’S CUP EDITION

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DEFINITIONS

In interpreting these rules, the definitions in Article 1.1 of the Protocol shall apply. Defined terms within the class rule shall apply unless a different definition is stated below. A term used as stated below is shown in italic type or, in preambles, in bold italic type.

Abandon To abandon a race means to stop racing prior to a yacht having sailed the course.

Bowsprit The part of the cross structure that extends forward of a line abeam of the foremost point of a yacht’s hulls.

Bowsprit Overlap A bowsprit overlap exists when there is no overlap but a part of the bowsprit is overlapped to the outside of either of the other yacht’s hulls.

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One yacht is clear astern of another when both of her hulls are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other yacht’s hulls. However a yacht with either bow between the other yacht’s hulls is clear astern. The other yacht is clear ahead. They overlap when neither is clear astern. However, they also overlap when a yacht between them overlaps both.

Continuing Obstruction: An obstruction that yachts would take at least 6 hull lengths to sail past. A yacht is never a continuing obstruction.

Finish A yacht finishes when any part of her hulls or bowsprit crosses the finishing line from the course side after completing any penalties. However, when penalties are cancelled under rule 44 after one or both yachts have finished each shall be recorded as finished when she crossed the line.

Keep Clear One yacht keeps clear of another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the yachts are overlapped on the same tack, if the leeward yacht can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the windward yacht.

Leeward and Windward A yacht’s leeward side is the side that is or, when she is head to wind, was away from the wind. The other side is her windward side. When two yachts on the same tack overlap, the yacht with any part of either hull on the leeward side of the other’s leeward hull is the leeward yacht. The other is the windward yacht.

Mark An object the sailing instructions require a yacht to leave on a specified side at that time, and an ACRM vessel surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends. An anchor line or an object attached temporarily or accidentally to a mark is not part of it.

Mark-Room Room for a yacht to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark.

Obstruction An object that a yacht 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, course limits and any area so designated by the sailing instructions are also obstructions. However, a yacht racing is not an obstruction to other yachts unless they are required to keep clear of her or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her.

OCS A yacht is OCS when at her starting signal any part of her hulls or bowsprit are on the course side of the starting line.

Overlap See Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap.

Party A party to a hearing: a protestor; a protestee; a yacht for which redress is requested by the Regatta Director or considered by the Jury under rule 60.3(b); the Regatta Director acting under rule 60.2(b); a yacht or a Competitor that may be penalized under rule 69.1; a Race Officer or Regatta Director in a hearing under rule 62.1(a).

Postpone A postponed race is a race delayed before its scheduled start but may be started or abandoned later.
**Proper Course** A reasonable course a *yacht* might sail to *finish* as soon as possible in the absence of the other *yachts* referred to in the *rule* using the term. A *yacht* has no *proper course* before her starting signal.

**Protest** An allegation made under rule 61.2 by a *yacht*, the Regatta Director or Jury that a *yacht* has broken a *rule*.

**Racing** A *yacht* is *racing* from her preparatory signal until she *finishes* and clears the finishing line and *marks* or retires, or until the Race Officer signals a *postponement, termination* or *abandonment*.

**RO Comms** The communication system(s) provided by ACRM for *yachts* and race officials when on the water consisting of:

(a) information displayed on the Stowe displays on each AC45;
(b) light signals emitting from ACRM supplied equipment on each AC45;
(c) information transmitted over channel 8 of the ACRM supplied Radio;
(d) the clock on the sides of the Signal Boat described in the Sailing Instructions;
(e) the following umpire flags flown with the flag staff pointing at the yacht:
   (i) A green and white checkered flag to indicate no penalty under rule 44.1(a);
   (ii) A yellow flag to indicate a penalty under Rule 44.1(b); and
   (iii) A black flag to indicate a penalty under Rule 44.1(c).

Any communication listed above constitutes communication to a *yacht*.

**Room** The space a *yacht* needs in the existing conditions while maneuvering promptly in a seamanlike way.

**Rule** (a) The *rules* in this book, including the Definitions, Introduction, preambles and the *rules* of relevant appendices, but not titles;
(b) ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code; Regulation 21, Anti Doping Code;
(f) the sailing instructions; and
(g) the documents described in Protocol Articles 13 and 4.3(k).

**Start** A *yacht* *starts* when:

(a) having her hulls and *bowsprit* been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, any part of her hulls or *bowsprit* cross the starting line in the direction of the first *mark*; or

(b) having crossed the starting line in the direction of the first *mark* and been identified as OCS, she completes a penalty for OCS.

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

**Terminate** To *terminate* a race means to stop a race after one or more *yachts* have sailed the course or if in a Match Race, a *yacht* has been disqualified.

**Windward** See *Leeward and Windward*.

**Yacht** A sailboat and persons on board.

**Zone** The area around *marks* and *obstructions* within a distance of three hull lengths. A *yacht* is in the *zone* when any part of her hulls are in the *zone*. 
INTRODUCTION

**ISAF Codes** The ISAF Eligibility and Anti Doping Codes (Regulations 19 & 21) is referred to in the definition *Rule* but is not included in this book because it can be changed at any time. The most recent versions of the code is available on the ISAF website; new versions will be announced through national authorities and posted on the ISAF website.

**Cases and Calls** Only Cases that are adopted by the International Jury or Calls adopted by ACRM (on behalf of the Umpire team) are recognized as authoritative interpretations of these RRSAC.

**Terminology** A term used in the sense stated in the Definitions is printed in italics or, in preambles, in bold italics (for example, *racing* and *racing*). Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

**Rule Numbering** The RRSAC has kept the original numbering for *rules* (where possible) to aid reference to non RRSAC rules.

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**PART 1**

**FUNDAMENTAL RULES**

*Races shall be umpired.*

1 **SAFETY**

1.1 **Helping Those in Danger**

A *yacht* or Competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

1.2 **Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices**

A *yacht* shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

1.3 **First Aid Training**

An AC72 *yacht* must have on board at least two crewmembers that have completed a recognized First Aid / CPR course for example:

(a) in New Zealand, St John Ambulance “Emergency First Aid / CPR”; or

(b) in The United States, American Red Cross “First Aid, CPR and AED.”

More advance training provided or recognized by these or equivalent groups will satisfy the requirements of this rule.

2 **FAIR SAILING**

Competitors shall comply with the *rules* and act at all times in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A *yacht* may be penalized under this *rule* only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated. A disqualification under this *rule* shall not be excluded from the *yacht’s* series score.

3 **ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES**

By participating in a race conducted under these racing *rules*, each Competitor agrees

(a) to be governed by the *rules*;

(b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules*; and

(c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.
4 DECISION TO RACE
The responsibility for a yacht’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

5 ANTI-DOPING
A competitor shall comply with the World Anti-Doping Code, the rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency, and ISAF Regulation 21, Anti-Doping Code. An alleged or actual breach of this rule shall be dealt with under Regulation 21. It shall not be grounds for a protest and rule 63.1 does not apply.

6 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY
When there is doubt as to the relationship or change of relationship between yachts, the last point of certainty will apply.

PART 2
WHEN YACHTS MEET
The rules of Part 2 apply between yachts that are sailing in or near the racing area and intend to race, are racing, or have been racing. However, a yacht not racing shall not be penalized for breaking one of these rules, except rule 23.1.

When a yacht sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or government right-of-way rules.

SECTION A
RIGHT OF WAY
A yacht has right of way when another yacht is required to keep clear of her. However, some rules in Sections B, C and D limit the actions of a right-of-way yacht.

10 ON OPPOSITE TACKS
When yachts are on opposite tacks, a port-tack yacht shall keep clear of a starboard-tack yacht.

11 ON THE SAME TACK, OVERLAPPED
When yachts are on the same tack and overlapped, a windward yacht shall keep clear of a leeward yacht.

12 ON THE SAME TACK, NOT OVERLAPPED
When yachts are on the same tack and not overlapped, a yacht clear astern shall keep clear of a yacht clear ahead.

SECTION B
GENERAL LIMITATIONS

14 AVOIDING CONTACT
A yacht shall avoid contact with another yacht if reasonably possible but shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes serious damage or injury. However, a right-of-way yacht or one entitled to room or mark-room need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other yacht is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room.
15 ACQUIRING RIGHT OF WAY
When a yacht acquires right of way, she shall initially give the other yacht room to keep clear, unless she acquires right of way because of the other yacht’s actions.

16 CHANGING COURSE
16.1 When a right-of-way yacht changes course, she shall give the other yacht room to keep clear.
16.2 When sailing to a mark that is to windward, a right-of-way yacht shall not bear away to a downwind course that is below her proper course if the result is that the keep-clear yacht has to immediately change course to keep clear.

SECTION C
AT MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS
Rules 18 and 19 do not apply at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time yachts are approaching them to start until they have passed them.

18 MARK ROOM
18.1 When Rule 18 Applies
Rule 18 applies between yachts 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 between a yacht approaching a mark and one leaving it.
18.2 Giving Mark-Room
(b) When the first yacht reaches the zone,
   (i) if yachts are overlapped or bowsprit overlapped, the outside yacht at that moment shall thereafter give the inside yacht mark-room.
   (ii) if yachts are not overlapped and not bowsprit overlapped, the yacht that has not reached the zone shall thereafter give mark-room.
(c) If the yacht entitled to mark-room leaves the zone, the entitlement to mark-room ceases and 18.2(b) is applied again if required.
(e) If a yacht obtained an inside overlap or bowsprit overlap and, from the time the overlap or bowsprit overlap began, the outside yacht is unable to give mark-room, she is not required to give it.
18.4 Tacking or Gybing
When an inside overlapped or bowsprit overlapped right-of-way yacht must tack or gybe at a mark to sail her proper course, until she tacks or gybes she shall sail no farther from the mark than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.4 does not apply at a gate mark.
18.5 Exoneration
When a yacht is taking mark-room to which she is entitled, she shall be exonerated if she breaks a rule of Section A or rule 15 or 16.

19 ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION
19.1 When Rule 19 Applies
Rule 19 applies between yachts when at least one of them is in the zone of an obstruction, except when it is also a mark the yachts are required to leave on the same side. However, rule 19 does not apply at a continuing obstruction.
19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction
(a) When rule 19 first applies, the right-of-way yacht at that time may choose to pass an obstruction on either side.
(b) When yachts are overlapped or bowsprit overlapped, the outside yacht shall give the inside yacht room between her and the obstruction, unless
   (i) she has been unable to do so from the time the overlap or bowsprit overlap began, or
   (ii) she is unable to do so because she is giving or taking mark-room under rule 18.2(b), or
   (iii) she is unable to do so because she is taking room under rule 20.2.

19.3 Exoneration
When a yacht is taking room to which she is entitled under rule 19.2, she shall be exonerated if she breaks a rule of Section A.

20 ROOM TO PASS A CONTINUING OBSTRUCTION
20.1 When Rule 20 Applies
Rule 20 applies between yachts that have started when at least one of them is in the zone of a continuing obstruction.

20.2 Giving Room at a Continuing Obstruction
(a) When rule 20 first applies, an outside overlapped or bowsprit overlapped or clear-astern yacht at that moment shall thereafter give an inside or clear-ahead yacht room to sail her proper course, including room to tack or gybe, while the inside or clear-ahead yacht is in the zone, unless the yacht required to give room is unable to do so because she is giving or taking mark-room under rule 18.2(b).
(b) When yachts are passing a continuing obstruction on opposite sides, a yacht sailing on a leg to a windward mark or windward gate shall be considered the inside yacht.

20.3 Exoneration
When a yacht is taking room to which she is entitled under rule 20.2(a) she shall be exonerated if she breaks a rule of Section A or rule 15 or 16.

SECTION D
OTHER RULES
When rule 22 applies between two yachts, Section A rules do not.

22 CAPSIZED, ANCHORED OR AGROUND; RESCUING
If possible, a yacht shall avoid a yacht that is capsized or has both rudders out of the water, boats that are assisting a yacht that had capsized, a yacht that is anchored or aground, or is trying to help a person or vessel in danger. A yacht is capsized when the top of her wing is in the water.

23 INTERFERING WITH ANOTHER YACHT
23.1 If reasonably possible, a yacht not racing shall not interfere with a yacht that is racing, her competitor(s) prior to the preparatory signal, or an umpire boat.
23.2 When yachts in different matches meet, any course sailed by either yacht shall be consistent with complying with a rule or trying to win her own match.
PART 3
CONDUCT OF A RACE

25 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS
25.1 Sailing instructions shall be made available to each yacht before a race begins. These shall contain all additional rules for a regatta.
25.2 The Regatta Director will stipulate in writing details of the RO Comms and any other form of communication system that may be used.

26 STARTING RACES
26.1 Races shall be started by using the following signals.

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*This signal, made via the RO Comms, shall identify the yacht(s) that has failed to comply with rule 27.4(b).

26.2 The Race Officer shall communicate via the RO Comms the time of the starting signal for each match or race.
26.3 In the Match Racing Championship pairing list, the yacht listed on the left or on the bottom is assigned the port end of the entry line, the other yacht is assigned the starboard end of the entry line.

27 OTHER ACTIONS BEFORE THE STARTING SIGNAL
27.1 No later than the warning signal, the Race Officer shall signal via the RO Comms the course to be sailed.
27.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the Race Officer may move a starting mark.
27.3 Before the starting signal, the Race Officer may for any reason postpone or abandon the race via the RO Comms.
27.4 Requirements Before The Start
When Match Racing:
(a) At the preparatory signal
   (i) the starboard entry yacht shall be outside the line that is at a 90° angle to the entry line through the entry mark at her assigned end, and
   (ii) the port entry yacht shall be on the course side of the starting line and it’s extensions
(b) By 1 minute before the starting signal, any part of a yacht’s hulls or bowsprit shall cross the entry line, the first time from the windward side to the leeward side.
27.5 A yacht shall not be under tow in the minute prior to the preparatory signal.
28  SAILING THE COURSE

28.1 A yacht shall start, leave each mark on the required side in the correct order, and finish, so that a string representing her leeward hull’s wake after starting and until finishing would when drawn taut
(a) pass each mark on the required side,
(b) touch each rounding mark, and
(c) pass between the marks of a gate from the direction of the previous mark.
She may correct any errors to comply with this rule provided that she has not finished. After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely.

28.2 A yacht may leave on either side a mark that does not begin, bound or end the leg she is on. However, she shall leave a starting mark on the required side when she is approaching the starting line from its pre-start side to start.

28.3 Course Limits
While racing, a yacht shall be within the course limits designated via RO Comms, but shall only be penalized if she breaks this rule after starting.

29  RECALLS
When a yacht is OCS, the Race Officer shall promptly identify the yacht via the RO Comms.

30  SHORTENING THE COURSE

30.1 In a fleet race, the Race Officer may shorten a course by reducing the number of legs. The finishing line will be,
(a) at a rounding mark, between the staff displaying an orange flag on the mark and the flag staff of a black and white checkered flag with the word “Finish” on a nearby mark;
(b) at a gate, between the staffs displaying an orange flag on the gate marks.

30.2 A shortened course will be signaled via the RO Comms to all yachts before they begin the new final leg and will include the leg number that the new finishing line will end. The finishing line need not be in position at that time.

32  ABANDONING OR TERMINATING A RACE

32.1 After the starting signal, the Race Officer may abandon or terminate a race for a reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition. This shall be communicated via the RO Comms.

32.2 When a race is terminated:
(a) In a Match Race the yacht that has not finished shall be scored zero.
(b) In a Fleet Race, yachts that have not finished shall be scored accordingly.

32.3 An abandoned race may be resailed.

33  CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

33.1 The Race Officer may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all yachts before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.

33.2 A change of course will be signaled via the RO Comms and will include the approximate new position or distance and bearing.

33.3 Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course shape.
34 MARK MISSING
34.1 If a mark is missing or out of position, the Race Officer shall, if possible, replace it in its correct position or substitute a new one and inform the yachts via the RO Comms.
34.2 In the event that the Race Officer is unable to set a gate, the Race Officer will advise yachts via the RO Comms of the rounding direction.

35 TIME LIMIT
35.1 If no yacht finishes within the time limit, the Race Officer shall abandon the race. If a yacht sails the course as required by rule 28.1 and finishes within the time limit:
   (a) in a Match Race, the Race Officer shall terminate the race five minutes after the first yacht has finished;
   (b) in a Fleet Race, the Race Officer shall terminate the race ten minutes after the first yacht has finished.

36 RACES TO BE RESTARTED OR RESAILLED
If a race is restarted or resailed, unless a yacht is disqualified under rule 44.1(c), a breach of a rule in the original race shall not prohibit a yacht from competing or cause her to be penalized.

PART 4
OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHEN RACING
Part 4 rules apply only to yachts racing.

40 Personal Equipment
(a) Each crew shall wear;
   (i) a non-inflatable personal flotation device (PFD) to a minimum standard of ISO 12402-5 (CE 50 Newtons) or international equivalent; which when sailing an AC72 shall be the outermost garment;
   (ii) a helmet to a minimum standard of CE EN 1385, or international equivalent;
   (iii) when sailing an AC72, a cutting device with a blade length of no more than 150mm;
   (iv) when sailing an AC72, a personal air supply of at least 45 liters and not more than 55 liters; and
   (v) a device for carrying media equipment of the dimensions 80mm x 200mm x 30mm.
(b) When supplied, on board microphones shall be firmly secured in the pockets described in rule 40(a)(v). No other items shall be stowed in these pockets.

41 OUTSIDE HELP
A yacht shall not receive help from any outside source, except:
(a) help for the removal of an injured or ill person. Once a person has been removed from the yacht, that person shall not be returned or replaced;
(b) after a collision, help from the crew of the other yacht or vessel to get clear;
(c) unsolicited information from a disinterested source, which may be another yacht in the same race;
(d) communication with the Race Officer and Umpires;
(e) after a capsize, help to recover the yacht.
PROPULSION

A yacht shall compete only by using the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease her speed. Her crew may adjust the trim of the wing, sails, rudders, daggerboards and hulls, and perform other acts of seamanship.

PENALTIES GIVEN BY UMPIRES

44.1 After a protest is communicated to the umpires, they shall decide whether to penalize any yacht. They shall communicate via the RO Comms one of the following decisions:
   (a) ‘No penalty.’
   (b) The identified yacht(s) shall take a penalty by complying with rules 44.3 and 44.4.
   (c) The identified yacht(s) is disqualified, and if the race is a Match Race, the match is terminated and awarded to the other yacht.

44.2 Penalty Line

The penalty line on a leg to mark 1 or the finish is a line perpendicular to the axis of the leg the penalized yacht is on. The penalty line on all other legs is a line perpendicular to the true wind direction. The penalty line is located at the specified distance from the center of the penalized yacht towards the mark(s) defining the beginning of that leg.

   (a) In a Match Race, for an infringement between yachts on the same leg of the course or within the zone of a mark: when the penalty is signaled after the penalized yacht has started, the penalty line is established when the penalty is signaled and the penalized yacht is within the course limits. The penalty line maintains a distance of two hull lengths behind the other yacht in the match except when a yacht is penalized under 44.2(a) and she has an existing 44.2(a) or 44.2(c) penalty, in which case the penalties are combined and the remaining penalty line distance is added to the distance of the new 44.2(a) penalty.

   (b) The penalty line for OCS is established when the penalty is signaled and the yacht is within the course limits.
      (i) The penalty line maintains a distance of two hull lengths behind all yachts that have not been penalized and have started within 3 seconds of the starting signal.
      (ii) If no yachts have started within 3 seconds of the starting signal without a penalty, or if in a Match Race both yachts are OCS or the other yacht has a penalty, the penalty line is established at a distance of two hull lengths behind the starting line and advanced according to 44.2(d).

   (c) The penalty line for infractions other than those of 44.2(a) or 44.2(b) is established at a distance of two hull lengths behind the penalized yacht when the penalty is signaled and the yacht is within the course limits, except when:
      (i) a yacht is penalized prior to starting in which case the penalty line is established behind the yacht when she starts; or
      (ii) a yacht is carrying a penalty, in which case the existing penalty line distance is increased by the distance specified by the new penalty.

   (d) Once established, the penalty line of 44.2(b)(ii) or 44.2(c) is moved toward the next mark or center of the penalized yacht at 100% of the universal VMG / VMC based on the wind speed and direction, current, and course to the next mark for 10 seconds, and thereafter at 90% of the universal VMG / VMC based on the wind speed and direction, current, and course to the next mark. However, while a yacht taking a penalty is in the zone of a rounding mark, the distance of her penalty line and the time until the speed of her penalty line increases does not change.
44.3 The Penalty
When the penalty line is established the *yacht* is taking a penalty. The penalized *yacht* shall immediately reduce her VMG / VMC so that the penalty line moves closer to the *yacht*'s position until her position falls behind the penalty line. The *yacht* completes her penalty when the umpires determine that a *yacht*'s position has fallen behind the penalty line or when it is clear to them that the penalty line is not advancing as intended, and they signal that the penalty is completed via the RO Comms.

44.4 Penalty limitations
(a) If a *yacht* taking a penalty sails outside the course limits, or tacks or gybes outside the *zone* of a rounding *mark*, she is no longer taking a penalty. The penalty remains and the penalty line is re-established 5 seconds after the tack or gybe, or immediately upon re-entry within course boundaries, with a length of the next highest multiple of two hull lengths.

(b) A *yacht* taking a penalty on the first leg of the course shall not sail a course other than a proper course of a *yacht* without a penalty if as a result a *keep-clear yacht* sailing her *proper course* must change course to *keep clear*.

44.5 A penalized *yacht* shall not be recorded as having *finished* until she takes her penalty and her hulls are completely on the course side of the line and its extensions and then *finishes*, unless the penalty is cancelled which may be after she crosses the finishing line.

44.6 If a *yacht* has a penalty and the other *yacht* in her match is penalized, each penalty shall be complete and this shall be signaled via RO Comms. Rule 44.6 does not apply to penalties for OCS.

44.7 When as a consequence of breaking a *rule* a *yacht* has compelled another *yacht* to break a *rule*, the other *yacht* shall be exonerated by the umpires without a hearing.

47 LIMITATIONS ON EQUIPMENT AND CREW
47.1 A *yacht* shall use only the equipment on board at her preparatory signal.

47.2 A *yacht* shall not permit any person on board to intentionally leave unless ill or injured. Except as a result of a capsize, a person leaving shall not be accepted back on board nor replaced during the race.

47.3 Preventing windward daggerboard increasing righting moment
After *starting*, an AC72 *yacht* shall have the windward board draft stripe(s) visible so to confirm that the board is no more than 0.500 m below MWP, unless one of the following applies:

(a) the windward board does not penetrate the surface of the water for more than 15 continuous seconds;

(b) the *yacht* is within 300m of a *mark*;

(c) the *yacht* is within 30 seconds prior to and after tacking or gybing;

(d) the *yacht* is sailing less than 15 knots;

(e) the *yacht* is sailing at less than 90% of its performance relative to the other *yacht*(s);

(f) the *yacht* is taking a penalty.

47.4 Sails shall not be in the hull of an AC45 *yacht*.

49 CREW POSITION
Crew shall use only the following devices to position their bodies’ outboard of the local beam:
hiking straps connected to the hull, trampoline or cross structure;
rigging and equipment within 0.400 m of the local hull or cross structure;
sail control lines extending from the hull or cross structure. Making loops on sail
control lines to aid hiking is prohibited.

56 GUESTS
56.1 The Regatta Director will determine whether or not yachts shall carry a guest.
56.2 A guest shall take no part in sailing the yacht and
(a) on an AC45 yacht shall remain aft of the rear beam with at least one hand on at least
one of the guest handles.
(b) [AC 72 guest location will be inserted here by the Regatta Director]
56.3 A guest shall wear a personal flotation device and helmet that complies with rule 40. This
equipment and the clothing worn by the guest shall look the same as that of the crew.
56.4 Guest Weight Limits
(a) The guest weight of a Competitor guest shall be determined by the Competitor and
the guest weight of an Event Authority guest shall be determined by the Event
Authority. This weight shall include all clothing and equipment worn while on the
yacht.
(b) On an AC45 yacht the guest weight shall not exceed 100 kg. For guest weights less
than 100 kg, corrector weights shall be fixed symmetrically by weight on the yacht
centerline to the trampoline aft of the rear beam:
(i) for a guest weight less than 70 kg, 40 kg of corrector weight shall be carried;
(ii) for a guest weight between and including 70 kg and 90 kg, 20 kg of corrector
weight shall be carried;
(iii) for a guest weight of more than 90 kg, no corrector weight shall be carried.
(c) [AC72 guest weight limits will be inserted here]
(d) If no guest is carried the Regatta Director will determine the corrector weights to be
carried (if any).
56.5 Yachts shall ensure their guest complies with the provisions of RRSAC 56 and other guest
requirements contained in the Sailing Instructions.
57 OTHER PERSONS ABOARD YACHTS
In the event the Regatta Director determines yachts shall not carry a guest pursuant to
Rule 56.1, the Regatta Director may provide for the carrying of a person on a yacht on
terms and conditions specified in the Sailing Instructions.
PART 5
PROTESTS, REDRESS, HEARINGS, MISCONDUCT & APPEALS

SECTION A
PROTESTS; REDRESS; RULE 69 ACTION

60 RIGHT TO PROTEST; RIGHT TO REQUEST REDRESS OR RULE 69 ACTION

60.1 A yacht may

(a) ‘Y flag protest’ another yacht under a rule of Part 2;
(b) ‘Red Flag protest’ another yacht, except for:
   (i) rules 1.3, 40, 56, 87 or 88, a rule of Part 2, or a rule listed in 60.4;
   (ii) AC72 Rule 5.12, 6.11, 9.7; and
   (iii) Sailing Instructions where ACRM prohibits yachts from protesting that instruction.
(c) Request redress except:
   (i) for an improper action or omission of the Race Officer referred to in 62.1(a), or
   (ii) in an AC World Series regatta.

60.2 The Regatta Director may

(a) protest a yacht, but not:
   (i) for a rule of Part 2, or a rule listed in 60.4(a); nor
   (ii) as a result of information arising from an invalid protest, or from a report from a Competitor other than the representative of the yacht herself;
(b) request redress on behalf of a yacht, except in ACWS regattas; and
(c) report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 69.1(a).

60.3 The Jury may

(a) protest a yacht, but only when during the hearing of a valid protest it learns that the yacht, although not a party to the hearing, was involved in the incident and may have broken a rule;
(b) act under rule 69.1(a).

60.4 When the umpires decide that a yacht has:

(a) broken rules 27.4, 27.5, 28.3, 42, 44.3, 44.4, 47, 49;
(b) gained an advantage by breaking a rule after allowing for a penalty;
(c) committed a breach of sportsmanship;
(d) deliberately broken a rule; or
(e) been identified as OCS;

she shall be penalized under rule 44.1(b) or 44.1(c);
(f) broken rule 14, she shall be penalized under rule 44.1(c).

60.5 In a Match Race of an ACWS event when, after one yacht has started, the umpires are satisfied that the other yacht will not finish, they may signal under rule 44.1(c) that the yacht that will not finish is disqualified.
61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

61.1 Informing the Protestee and Umpires

(a) For ‘Y flag protests’ a yacht shall signal immediately after an incident in which she
was involved by pressing the yellow button on the Stowe display. If this signal is not
received, yachts shall communicate over ACRM radio channel 8;

(b) For ‘Red Flag protests, while racing, a yacht shall signal as soon as possible after an
incident by pressing the red button on the Stowe display.

61.2 Protest Contents

A protest under 60.1(b), 60.2 and 60.3 shall be delivered via any electronic system
approved by the Regatta Director and identify:

(a) the protestor and protestee; and

(b) the incident, including where and when it occurred.

61.3 Protest Time Limit

A protest under 60.1(b) or a request for redress under 60.1(c) shall be lodged no later than
thirty (30) minutes after the time that yacht finishes its last race of the day. Other protests shall
be lodged within two hours after the receipt of the relevant information. The Jury shall
extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

62 REDRESS

62.1 A request for redress or a Jury’s decision to consider redress shall be based on a claim or
possibility that a yacht’s score in a race or series has, through no fault of her own, been
made significantly worse by

(a) an improper action or omission of the Race Officer,

(b) action of a yacht that was breaking rule 14,

(d) a yacht against which a penalty has been imposed under rule 2 or disciplinary action
has been taken under rule 69.1(b),

(e) an illegal or accidental action by a third party including a race official that causes
serious damage to a yacht or injury to the crew, or

(f) being unable to be launched by equipment or service under the control of ACRM.

62.2 The request shall be made in writing within the time limit of rule 61.3 and shall identify the
incident. The Jury shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so. If the request for
redress is because of circumstances that arise while racing she shall signal using the RO
Comms as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances.

SECTION B
PROTESTS; REDRESS; RULE 69 ACTION

63 HEARINGS

63.1 Requirement for a Hearing

A yacht or competitor shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except as provided
in rules 44 and 60.4. A decision on redress shall not be made without a hearing. The Jury
shall hear all protests and requests for redress that have been delivered unless the protest
or request is withdrawn.

63.6 Taking Evidence and Communicating a Decision

The Jury may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its
decision orally.
DECISIONS

64.1 Penalties and Exoneration

Further to Protocol 15.4(d), when the Jury decides that a yacht that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it shall disqualify her if the Jury decides that the breach may have improved the performance of the yacht or had a significant effect on the outcome of a race.

64.2 Decisions on Redress

When the Jury decides that a yacht is entitled to redress under rule 62, it shall make as fair an arrangement as possible for all yachts affected, whether or not they asked for redress. This may be to adjust the scoring, to abandon the race, to let the results stand, rescheduling of any outstanding races beyond the existing schedule, permitting or requiring the substitution of another eligible yacht belonging to the Competitor or to make some other arrangement.

64.3 Decisions on Measurement Protests

(a) When the Jury finds that deviations in excess of tolerances specified in the class rules were caused by damage, accident, or normal wear and do not improve the performance of the yacht, it shall not penalize her. However, the yacht shall not race again until the deviations have been corrected, except when the Jury decides there is or has been no reasonable opportunity to do so.

(b) When a protest or request for redress relating to any matter concerning the measurement of a yacht, the interpretation of the class rule, or damage of a yacht is lodged with the Jury, the Jury shall refer the matter together with the relevant facts to the Measurement Committee and be guided by its advice.

SECTION C
GROSS MISCONDUCT

ALLEGATIONS OF GROSS MISCONDUCT

69.1 Action by the Jury

(a) When the Jury, from its own observation or a report received from any source, believes that a person associated with a Competitor may have committed a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. The Jury shall promptly inform the individual in writing of the alleged misconduct and of the time and place of the hearing. If the individual provides good reason for being unable to attend the hearing, the Jury shall reschedule it.

(b) If the Jury decides that the person committed the alleged misconduct it shall either:

(i) warn the person or

(ii) impose a penalty by excluding the person and, when appropriate, disqualifying a yacht, from a race or the remaining races or all races of the series, or by taking other action within its jurisdiction. A disqualification under this rule shall not be excluded from the yacht’s series score.

(c) The Jury shall promptly report a penalty, but not a warning, to the national authority of the person and to the ISAF.

(d) If the person does not provide good reason for being unable to attend the hearing and does not come to it, the Jury may conduct it without the person present. If the Jury does so and penalizes the person, it shall include in the report it makes under rule 69.1(c) the facts found, the decision and the reasons for it.
If the Jury chooses not to conduct the hearing without the person present or if the hearing cannot be scheduled for a time and place when it would be reasonable for the person to attend, the Jury shall collect all available information and, if the allegation seems justified, make a report to the relevant national authority and to the ISAF.

69.2 Action by a National Authority or Initial Action by the ISAF

(a) When a national authority or the ISAF receives a report alleging a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, or a report alleging conduct that has brought the sport into disrepute, or a report required by rule 69.1(c) or 69.1(e), it may conduct an investigation and, when appropriate, shall conduct a hearing. It may then take any disciplinary action within its jurisdiction it considers appropriate against the competitor or yacht, or other person involved, including suspending eligibility, permanently or for a specified period of time, to compete in any event held within its jurisdiction, and suspending ISAF eligibility under ISAF Regulation 19.

(b) The national authority of a competitor shall also suspend the ISAF eligibility of the competitor as required in ISAF Regulation 19.

(c) The national authority shall promptly report a suspension of eligibility under rule 69.2(a) to the ISAF, and to the national authorities of the person or the owner of the yacht suspended if they are not members of the suspending national authority.

69.3 Subsequent Action by the ISAF

Upon receipt of a report required by rule 69.2(c) or ISAF Regulation 19, or following its own action under rule 69.2(a), the ISAF shall inform all national authorities, which may also suspend eligibility for events held within their jurisdiction. The ISAF Executive Committee shall suspend the competitor’s ISAF eligibility as required in ISAF Regulation 19 if the competitor’s national authority does not do so.

PART 6
ENTRY AND QUALIFICATION

75 Competitors shall comply with ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code.

78 COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS RULES; CERTIFICATES

78.1 Competitors shall ensure that the yacht is maintained to comply with the class rule and that her measurement certificate, if any, remains valid.

78.2 When the Measurement Committee decides a yacht does not comply with the class rules in a race, it shall report the matter to the Regatta Director who shall protest the yacht, unless the Measurement Committee and Regatta Director are satisfied the non-compliance was caused by damage or normal wear, and the non-compliance does not improve the performance of the yacht. If this is the decision, the yacht shall not race again until the yacht is brought back into compliance with the class rule unless there is or has been no reasonable opportunity to do so.

PART 7
RACE ORGANIZATION

RRSAC Part 7 rules, except for rules 85 and 90, may be amended by the Regatta Director.

85 GOVERNING RULES

The organizing authority, Race Officer, Umpires and Jury shall be governed by the rules in the conduct and judging of races.
86 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD
The Official Noticeboard is a virtual notice board at the address:
http://noticeboard.americascup.com/

87 CHASE BOATS
87.1 Each yacht shall have at least one chase boat available while racing.
87.2 Chase boats shall comply with instructions given by the Course Marshal.
87.3 Chase boats shall not exceed fourteen meters in length and three meters in height (not including whip antennae), unless otherwise approved by the Regatta Director.
87.4 One chase boat may follow its yacht within course limits until instructed to vacate.
87.5 Chase boats shall be clearly identifiable with the competitor they support.

88 HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS
From the first practice day of a regatta until the conclusion of the final day of that regatta, a yacht shall not be launched or hauled out except in compliance with the haul out schedule issued by the Regatta Director, or otherwise permitted by the Regatta Director.

90 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
90.1 ACRM shall publish written sailing instructions for a regatta 10 days prior to the first scheduled race.
90.2 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board before 1000 on the day they are due to take effect or, on the water, communicated to each yacht before her warning signal via the RO Comms.

PART 8
AC WORLD SERIES SCORING
In accordance with Protocol Article 22.1, the process required by Article 13.3(b) does not apply to AC World Series Scoring. The Regatta Director may amend RRSAC Part 8 after the same consultation process as detailed in Article 22.1.

91 AC WORLD SERIES MATCH RACING – REGATTA SCORING
91.1 The first team to comply with rule 28.1 that does not retire after finishing or is not disqualified, or has a match awarded to her under rule 44.1(c), scores one point; the other team scores no points. A dead heat shall be re-sailed.
91.2 The winner of a pairing where one match is scheduled is the first team to score at least one point after applying any penalties. The winner of a pairing where three matches are scheduled is the first team to score at least two points after applying any penalties.
91.3 When a knockout series is terminated it shall be decided in favor of the team with the higher score in that stage.
91.4 When a team withdraws from part of a regatta the scores of all completed races shall stand.
91.5 The Regatta Director may conclude early stages (including partially completed stages) in favor of later stages.
91.6 If the schedule cannot be completed, matches not completed will be resolved via tie break according to rule 91.8.
The finishing place of a team in the Match Racing shall be determined as follows:

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Match Racing ties

Ties (including 0–0) between two teams in a knockout stage shall be broken by the following methods, in order, until the tie is broken. The tie shall be decided in favor of the team who

(a) has won the most recent match in the regatta between the tied teams;
(b) has the highest seeding.

AC WORLD SERIES (FLEET RACING) - REGATTA SCORING

A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if one team sails the course in compliance with rule 28.1 and finishes within the time limit, if any, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified.

The point system based on finishing places in each race of a regatta will be in the sailing instructions.

A team that

(a) did not comply with rule 28.1,
(b) is disqualified under rule 44.1(c),
(c) retires after finishing, or
(d) does not start within 3 minutes of the starting signal
shall score 0 points

Only the Jury may take other scoring actions that worsen a team’s score.

If a team is disqualified from a race or retires after finishing, each team with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.

If teams are tied at the finishing line the points for the place for which the teams have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally. Teams tied for a race prize shall share it or be given equal prizes.

Teams will be ranked in order of their points. The team with the highest score will be the winner of the AC World Series regatta and all other teams ranked according to their points.
92.8 Regatta scoring ties
If there is a tie between two or more teams in a regatta, the teams shall be ranked in order of their finishing places in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied teams’ finishing places in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken.

93 AC WORLD SERIES SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

93.1 Match Racing Champion
(a) Teams will be awarded the following points based upon their Match Racing results from each regatta:

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(b) The points from all regattas will be totaled and the team with the highest score declared the AC World Series Match Racing Champion for that season and all other teams ranked according to their points.

(c) If there is a tie between two or more teams, they shall be ranked in order of their Match Racing finishing places in the final regatta of the season.

93.2 AC World Series Champion
(a) The points from all AC World Series regattas (Fleet Racing) in the season shall be totaled and the team with the highest score declared the AC World Series Champion for that season and all other teams ranked according to their AC World Series regattas (Fleet Racing) points.

(b) If there is a tie between two or more teams, they shall be ranked in order of their AC World Series (Fleet Racing) finishing places in the final regatta of the season.

PART 9
DEFENDER SERIES, LOUIS VUITTON CUP (LVC), AND THE AMERICA’S CUP SCORING

Scoring for the Defender Selection Series (if any), Louis Vuitton Cup and the America’s Cup Match shall be as determined in accordance with the respective provisions of the Protocol.