

# **2016 Australian Women's Match Racing Championship**

**2 to 4 September 2016**

## **Sailing Instructions**

**Organising Authority:**

**Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania**



**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2016**  
**WORLD SAILING EVENT GRADING 3**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Abbreviations:

PC – protest committee	RC – race committee
OA – organising authority	NA – national authority
RRS – racing rules of sailing	SI – sailing instructions
NoR – notice of race	

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by
- (a) the 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
  - (b) the rules for Handling Boats (SI Addendum C) which also applies to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.2 RRS 31 is changed to 'While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.'
- 1.3 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.4 Add after the first sentence of Appendix A5 'When one of the boats in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1, she shall be scored DNF without a hearing.'
- 1.5 Delete RRS C6.3 and replace with: A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 1.6 When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum E.
- 1.7 Under RRS 86.3, this event will test a package of test rules proposed for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in SI Addendum G.

**Note** that World Sailing has approved a change to Appendix C from January 1, 2015 as follows: Delete current rule C2.9 and replace with: **C2.9** Rule 22.3 is deleted.

**2 ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Only skippers invited by the OA are eligible for the event. The skippers are listed in SI Addendum A.
- 2.2 To remain eligible the entire crew shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, deposit AUD1,000 for damage and complete crew weighing, all between 08:30 and 09:30 on Friday 2 September 2016 unless extended by the OA.
- 2.3 The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.
- 2.4 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.
- 2.5 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 2.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the PC may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.7 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the PC may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Southern end of the RYCT Clubhouse.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the Southern end of the RYCT Clubhouse, adjacent to the marina entrance.
- 3.3 Skippers shall attend the first briefing, which will be at 09:30 on Friday 2 September in the RYCT Clubhouse, unless excused by the OA.
- 3.4 The first meeting with the umpires will be at 09:30 on Friday 2 September in the RYCT Clubhouse.
- 3.5 A daily morning meeting, if required, will start at 08:30 in the RYCT Clubhouse. Competitors will be advised within 30 of docking the day before if a meeting is to be called.

### **4 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Amendments to the SI made ashore will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the RC and the PC representatives
- 4.2 Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore each day until the boats have departed for the race course.
- 4.3 Amendments made afloat will be signalled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with three sound signals. An umpire may communicate these either verbally or in writing.

### **5 BOATS and SAILS**

#### **5.1 Boats**

- (a) the event will be sailed in Elliott 6 type boats.
- (b) the sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.

- 5.2 The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the RC boat with or before the attention signal. The signals will have the following meanings:

<b><u>Signal</u></b>	<b><u>Sail combination to be used</u></b>
No signal	Mainsail, jib and spinnaker
Code Flag J	Mainsail & jib only

- 5.3 Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.
- 5.4 The RC will decide which boats are to be used for each stage and when they decide a boat should not be used, the skipper assigned that boat will be given the temporary use of another boat.
- 5.5 The RC may permit a substitute boat when it is satisfied that the original boat is damaged and that repairs in the time available are not practical.

### **6 IDENTIFICATION and ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS**

- 6.1 Boats will be identified by bow number.
- 6.3 Boats will be drawn as decided by the RC.
- 6.3 Boats will be allocated by the OA for the stage in accordance with a pre-determined draw.
- 6.4 Boats will be exchanged in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule.

## 7 CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER and WEIGHT

7.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be three or four.

### 7.2 Crew Weighing

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 272kg, determined at the time of registration.

7.3 All registered crew shall sail all matches unless permission for change is given under SI 2.6 or 2.7.

## 8 EVENT FORMAT and STARTING SCHEDULES

8.1 The match pairing lists are detailed in SI Addendum A.

8.2

Friday 2 Sept	0830 – 0930 hrs	Registration and Weigh-in
	0930 hrs	Competitor Briefing
	1030 hrs	Racing – first warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpire debrief if required
Saturday 3 Sept	0930 hrs	Racing – first warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpire debrief if required
Sunday 4 Sept	0930 hrs	Racing – first warning signal
	1 hour after docking	Prize Presentation

There will be no warning signal made after 1500hrs on Sunday 4 September 2016.

8.2 In a knock-out series between two skippers:

- (a) they will alternate assigned ends for each match. The initial assigned ends will be determined by a draw. This changes RRS C4.1.
- (b) when the series has been decided, further matches between these two will not be sailed.
- (c) crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.

8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.

8.6 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

8.8 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

8.9 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. No starting sequence flags will be displayed for a blank start.

8.10 When, in a knock out series, a winner of a particular series has been determined, subsequent starts will be brought forward to eliminate blank starts. Competitors will be so advised verbally by an umpire.

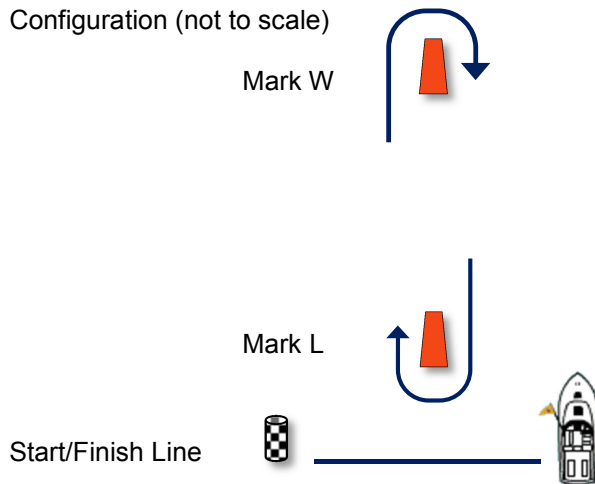
## 9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of the Derwent Estuary in the vicinity of the RYCT.

## 10 COURSE

### 10.1 Configuration, Signals and Course to Be Sailed

- (a) Configuration (not to scale)



- (b) **Signals and Course to be Sailed**

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat, at or before the warning signal. Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
No Signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
S	Start - W - Finish

- (c) **Description of Marks**

The RC boat will be identified by a RYCT burgee.

The starting/finishing line mark will be a black & white chequered inflatable.

Marks W and L will be orange inflatables.

The replacement mark will be a green or red inflatable.

### 10.2 Starting/Finishing Line

- (a) The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting/finishing mark and an orange staff with an orange flag on the RC boat.

### 10.3 Abandonment and Shortening

- (a) RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal, the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.'
- (b) Within a flight, when a visual signal is displayed over a numeral pennant, the signal applies to that match only.
- (c) Shorten course after starting will be signalled from the RC boat at the Starting/Finishing line. If the course is shortened, boats shall proceed through the finishing line and Mark L will not have a required side.

## 11 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

- 11.1 Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display a green flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the

next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to a position just to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.

- 11.2 The time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.
- 11.3 After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 11.1.
- 11.4 Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **12 STARTING PROCEDURE**

- 12.1 The next flight number will be displayed on the RC boat.
- 12.2 The attention signal will be displayed seven (7) minutes before the first starting signal in each flight. This changes RRS C3.1.

## **13 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE WINDWARD MARK**

- 13.1 Changes to the course will be made by setting a replacement mark W.
- 13.2 **Change of Course Signals** (changes RRS 33 and Race Signals)
  - (a) Flag C and a coloured flag or board means: 'The windward mark has been moved. Sail to a mark the same colour as the flag or board.'
  - (b) When a change of course after starting only affects some matches, these will be designated by the appropriate numeral pennant.
- 13.3 **Signalling vessel**
  - (a) When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal will be displayed from the RC boat with the preparatory signal for each match affected. The preparatory signal will be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.
  - (b) When a change of course is signalled after the first leg it will be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of mark L.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

## **15 COACH BOATS**

- 15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 15.2 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper.

## **16 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

## **17 PRIZES**

A trophy will be presented for first place and medallions for each of first, second and third places. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **18 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 18.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- 18.2 Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with SI Addendum C and D.
- 18.3 The following actions by skippers and/or crew while racing may be considered a breach of sportsmanship under RRS C8.3(c) and may result in an umpire initiated penalty under RRS C5.2 or C5.3:
- Excessive attempts to verbally coerce, coach or influence umpire decisions;
  - Repetitive or on-going objection to an umpire decision (verbal or otherwise);
  - Abuse of umpires before or after a decision (See also MR Call M4).
- 18.4 Breaches of this SI may also be referred to the PC. Any penalty will be at the discretion of the PC and may include exclusion from further participation in the event or the withholding of deposits.
- 18.5 Gross breaches of this SI may be referred to the PC by the OA for action under RRS 69.

## **19 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

**SI ADDENDUM A – LIST OF ELIGIBLE SKIPPERS and PAIRING LIST  
Round Robin 1**

		Port		Stbd
<b>Flight 1</b>		Norris CYCA/SoPYC		Costanzo RPAYC 2
		Parker RPAYC 1		Dudley/MHASC
		Brown RYCT/DSS		Bailey RYCT/Athena
<b>Flight 2</b>		Tames CYCA		Dale SYC
		Dudley/MHASC		Norris CYCA/SoPYC
		Costanzo RPAYC 2		Brown RYCT/DSS
<b>Flight 3</b>		Dale SYC		Parker RPAYC 1
		Tames CYCA		Bailey RYCT/Athena
		Norris CYCA/SoPYC		Brown RYCT/DSS
<b>Flight 4</b>		Dale SYC		Dudley/MHASC
		Tames CYCA		Costanzo RPAYC 2
		Bailey RYCT/Athena		Parker RPAYC 1
<b>Flight 5</b>		Dale SYC		Norris CYCA/SoPYC
		Brown RYCT/DSS		Tames CYCA
		Dudley/MHASC		Bailey RYCT/Athena
<b>Flight 6</b>		Parker RPAYC 1		Costanzo RPAYC 2
		Norris CYCA/SoPYC		Tames CYCA
		Bailey RYCT/Athena		Dale SYC
<b>Flight 7</b>		Brown RYCT/DSS		Parker RPAYC 1
		Costanzo RPAYC 2		Dudley/MHASC
		Bailey RYCT/Athena		Norris CYCA/SoPYC
<b>Flight 8</b>		Parker RPAYC 1		Tames CYCA
		Costanzo RPAYC 2		Dale SYC
		Dudley/MHASC		Brown RYCT/DSS
<b>Flight 9</b>		Norris CYCA/SoPYC		Parker RPAYC 1
		Costanzo RPAYC 2		Bailey RYCT/Athena
		Dudley/MHASC		Tames CYCA
<b>Flight 10</b>		Brown RYCT/DSS		Dale SYC



## Round Robin 2

<b>Flight 11</b>		Costanzo RPAYC 2		Norris CYCA/SoPYC
		Dudley/MHASC		Parker RPAYC 1
		Bailey RYCT		Brown RYCT/DSS
<b>Flight 12</b>		Dale SYC		Tames CYCA
		Norris CYCA/SoPYC		Dudley/MHASC
		Brown RYCT/DSS		Costanzo RPAYC 2
<b>Flight 13</b>		Parker RPAYC 1		Dale SYC
		Bailey RYCT		Tames CYCA
		Brown RYCT/DSS		Norris CYCA/SoPYC
<b>Flight 14</b>		Dudley/MHASC		Dale SYC
		Costanzo RPAYC 2		Tames CYCA
		Parker RPAYC 1		Bailey RYCT
<b>Flight 15</b>		Norris CYCA/SoPYC		Dale SYC
		Tames CYCA		Brown RYCT/DSS
		Bailey RYCT		Dudley/MHASC
<b>Flight 16</b>		Costanzo RPAYC 2		Parker RPAYC 1
		Tames CYCA		Norris CYCA/SoPYC
		Dale SYC		Bailey RYCT
<b>Flight 17</b>		Parker RPAYC 1		Brown RYCT/DSS
		Dudley/MHASC		Costanzo RPAYC 2
		Norris CYCA/SoPYC		Bailey RYCT
<b>Flight 18</b>		Tames CYCA		Parker RPAYC 1
		Dale SYC		Costanzo RPAYC 2
		Brown RYCT/DSS		Dudley/MHASC
<b>Flight 19</b>		Parker RPAYC 1		Norris CYCA/SoPYC
		Bailey RYCT		Costanzo RPAYC 2
		Tames CYCA		Dudley/MHASC
<b>Flight 20</b>		Dale SYC		Brown RYCT/DSS

## **SI ADDENDUM B - EVENT FORMAT**

### **1 First Stage - Round Robin(s)**

- (a) All skippers will sail two round robins.
- (b) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.

### **2 Second Stage - Semi-finals - Knock-Out**

- (a) The skipper finishing first in the qualifying round robin(s) shall race against the fourth placed skipper. The skipper finishing second shall race the skipper finishing third.
- (b) The first skipper in each pair to score at least two (2) points shall proceed to the finals.

### **3 Finals**

- (a) There will be a draw for the first entry side.
- (b) The first skipper to score at least three (3) points will be the winner.

### **4 Third/Fourth Place Final**

- (a) There will be a draw for the first entry side.
- (b) The first skipper to score three (3) points will be awarded third place, the other fourth place.

## **SI ADDENDUM C – HANDLING of BOATS**

### **1 GENERAL**

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

### **2 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS** - Except in an emergency or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink, or using any tape that leaves a residue/ use of duct tape.
- 2.10 Using a flattener as a reef or using a reef line as an outhaul.
- 2.11 Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.12 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.13 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.14 Radio transmission (including mobile telephones), except to report damage or in response to a request from the RC.
- 2.15 The use of electronic equipment, unless permitted by C3.1.

### **3 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS** – the following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
  - (a) basic hand tools
  - (b) adhesive tape
  - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
  - (d) marking pens
  - (e) tell tale material
  - (f) hand held compasses, watches, timers and small personal video devises such as GoPro
  - (g) shackles and clevis pins
  - (h) velcro tape
  - (i) spare flags
- 3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:
  - (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
  - (b) attach tell tales
  - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
  - (d) mark control settings
  - (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
  - (f) make signals as per Appendix C6
  - (g) personal safety
- 3.3 Fixing a spinnaker sheet catcher at the bow, providing that it does not extend the length of the boat more than 100 mm and does not require any repair after removal.

**4 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS** – the following are permitted:

- 4.1 The completion of a written damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the RC, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches. When boat swaps are carried out on the water, the report should be made verbally to the RC as soon as possible.
- 4.2 At the end of each sailing day:
  - (a) folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
  - (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
- 4.3 At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat, removing all trash and removing all tape and marks.
- 4.4 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- 4.5 Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.
- 4.6 A breach of items 4.2 and 4.3 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

**SI ADDENDUM D – EQUIPMENT LIST**

The following non-fixed items, provided by the OA, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily damage report.

**SAILS and SAILING EQUIPMENT**

- Mainsail and set of battens
- Headsail
- Spinnaker
- One spinnaker pole
- One spinnaker sheet set
- Two headsail sheets

**SAFETY GEAR**

- First Aid kit
- Paddle

**MOORING LINES**

- Three mooring lines

## SI ADDENDUM E – DAMAGE PENALTIES

### Match Racing Penalties for Damage resulting from contact between boats

Appendix C6.6 and C8.6 permits the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

Damage will be divided into 3 levels as shown in the following table:

Level	Extent	Effect
Level A - Minor Damage	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.
Level B - Damage	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.
Level C - Major Damage	The normal operation of the boat is compromised and its structural integrity may be impaired.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.

### Point Penalties - to be applied without a hearing (this amends RRS C8.6);

Level	Round Robin	Knock Out
<b>A</b>	None	None
<b>B</b>	Half point	Three quarters of a point
<b>C</b>	One point	One point

When both boats break RRS 14, they should both receive a points penalty. If a competitor requests a hearing when a points penalty is imposed, the protest committee may decide (in the hearing) to give a greater penalty.

### Deductions from Damage Deposits

The assessment of damage level is only for the purpose of points penalties, and is not linked to any deductions from the competitor's damage deposits.

Any points penalty will be based on the assessment of damage level made on the water. Subsequent assessments of the damage level after closer inspection, whether the level turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the points penalty given on the water.

**SI ADDENDUM F – COURSE LIMITS**

**No course limits**

## These rules will all be in the 2017 - 2020 rulebook!

Marginal markings indicate changes from the 2015 test rules.

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

**A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:**

**7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

**B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:**

**18 MARK ROOM**

**18.1 When Rule 18 Applies**

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 between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

**18.2 Giving Mark-Room**

(a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,

(1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.

(2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.

(b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.

(c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

**18.3 Tacking or Gybing**

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat 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 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this *rule* unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this *rule*.

**C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:**

**Mark-Room** Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If *room* includes a chance of *tack*, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her *proper course*..

**D. Add the following new rule:**

**C2.14** Rule 17 is deleted.