

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 32.1(b), 35 and J2.1(6)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Housekeeping changes to make three rules consistent with a 2021 change in rule 35's opening phrase.

Proposal

1. Change rule 32.1(b) as shown:

- (b) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat **that started** will **sail the course and finish** within the race time limit,

2. Change rule 35 as shown:

35 RACE TIME LIMIT AND SCORES

If one boat *starts, sails the course and finishes* within the time limit for that race, if any, all boats that *finish* shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is *abandoned*. If no boat **starts, sails the course and finishes** within the race time limit, the race committee shall *abandon* the race.

3. Change rule J2.1(6) as follows:

- (6) the race time limit, if any, for the first boat to **start, sail the course and finish** (see rule 35);

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

In 2021, the opening phrase in rule 35's first sentence was changed to:

'If one boat *starts, sails the course and finishes* with the time limit for that race'

Each of the three changes proposed here (in rule 32.1(b), in the second sentence of rule 35, and in rule J2.1(6)) is made for consistency with the 2021 change in rule 35 quoted above.

Each of these changes is also consistent with the second sentence of rule 90.3(a) and with the 2nd and 3rd bullet points in sailing instruction 12.1 in Appendix S.