

Racing Rules of Sailing

DR21 03 – High Speed Rules – Appendix HS Definitions

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Allow Monohull boats to use the appendix without having to add more information to the NoR to cover the issue of overlaps on monohull boats.

Proposal

Change DR21-03 HS.3 as follows:

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One boat is *clear astern* of another when:

- (a) on a monohull, her hull and bowsprit in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull; or**
- (b) on a multihull, her hulls are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hulls;**

The other boat is *clear ahead*. **However, when a boat's bow or bowsprit is between the other boat's hull(s) it is *clear astern*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern* or a boat between them *overlaps* both. The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may change this definition so that only (a) applies to all boats.**

Current Position

Definition *Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap* replaced with:

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

Reasons

1. Monohull boats are now using the High Speed Appendix. These monohull events currently have to add a rule to their NoR or SI and remove HS.3. There are also multihull classes with bowsprits that extend significantly in front of the bows where it is logical for those classes to count the bowsprit and not the hulls for an overlap.
 2. This definition change allows the appendix to be used as it is by most of the high-speed boats. It means that monohull events do not need the OA to change the appendix via the NoR or SI. This also means that there is standard language for all monohull boats. Those Multihull classes that want to count the bowsprit can choose to use (a) in the definition, this also preserves the standard language.
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