
Alternative Racing Rule 16.2

This updated test rule is designed to overcome problems with rule 16.2 as it applies to team racing under Appendix D. The previous test rule published in March 2018 is now withdrawn. Organizing authorities for umpired team racing events, particularly with keelboats, are encouraged to use this test rule. A report on the use of this test rule must be sent to World Sailing promptly after each event.

This test rule will apply only when sailing instructions so state by including all the sidelined text below. No part of this text is to be changed. The rule has been authorised by World Sailing in accordance with regulation 28.1.5(b).

Rule 16.2 is changed to (new words in blue):

16.2 In addition, **on a beat to windward** when a *port-tack* boat is *keeping clear* by sailing to pass **to leeward** of a *starboard-tack* boat, the *starboard-tack* boat shall not **bear away** if as a result the *port-tack* boat **must** change course **immediately** to continue *keeping clear*.

When this Test Rule applies

(A) Case 132 answer 1 shall apply amended as follows:

For the purpose of rule 16.2, two boats on opposite tacks are considered to be 'on a beat to windward' when

- (1) the proper course for each of them is close-hauled or above, or
- (2) one or both of them have overstood the close-hauled layline to the mark and are sailing below close-hauled.

In each of the four situation diagrams in the case, the boats shown are 'on opposite tacks on a beat to windward' and therefore rule 16.2 applies between them.

(B) The Team Racing Call Book is changed as follows:

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| Call D2 | Delete call |
| Call D5 | In answer 1 delete all references to rule 16.2 and delete the final paragraph in italics |
| Call G7 | Delete Q&A 1 |

Reasons for the Upgrade

A new test rule 16.2 was developed and approved by World Sailing in March 2018. This rule was widely used in the spring and summer 2018, particularly for keelboat team racing in Europe and in the USA. As a result of reports received on the trials, the World Sailing has updated the proposed test rule to further limit any dial-down by the starboard-tack boat.

Reporting

The chief umpire or other official shall send a report to World Sailing as soon as possible after the event describing the successes and failures of the test rule. If possible please include views of the competitors. The report shall be emailed to rules@sailing.org
