

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS Preamble to Part 2 – Section C

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To eliminate flaws in the Preamble to Section C approved in November 2023.

Proposal

Change the Preamble to Section C to read:

SECTION C

AT MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

*Section C rules do not apply ~~at~~ **between boats when the mark or obstruction is** a starting **mark** surrounded by navigable water or ~~at~~ its anchor line, from the time the boats are approaching **it** ~~then~~ to **start** until they have **started and left it astern** ~~passed them~~.*

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. In November 2023, the RRC approved Submission 013-23 -proposal 2 with some amendments. The approved text is below:

Section C rules do not apply between boats at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to start until they have left them astern.

2. It has been found that the wording approved in November leads to unforeseen and undesirable situations. The proposed preamble aims to address and rectify these flaws.
 3. This change should be considered as a change of pressing importance under regulation 28.1.2 so that, if approved with a 75% vote cast, it can be incorporated to the edition of the 2025-2028 RRS
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