

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule 45

A submission from the Chairperson of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To achieve consistency between the wording in rule 45 and 48.2.

#### Proposal

Change rule 45 as follows:

#### **45 HAULING OUT; MAKING FAST; ANCHORING**

A boat shall be afloat and off moorings at her preparatory signal. Thereafter, she shall not be hauled out or made fast except to bail out, reef sails or make repairs. She may anchor or the crew may stand on the bottom. She shall recover the anchor before ~~continuing in the race~~ **the crew resumes sailing the boat to the next mark** unless she is unable to do so.

#### Current Position

#### **45 HAULING OUT; MAKING FAST; ANCHORING**

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#### Reasons

1. In the 2017-2020 edition of the RRS, both rule 45 and 48.2 (used to be 47.2 in the 2017-2020 edition) used to contain the phrase 'continue in the race'. For the 2021-2024 edition, the second sentence of rule 48.2 was changed as a result of Submission 165-18 to include 'resumes sailing the boat to the next *mark*' instead.
  2. The potential questions outlined in the reasons for Submission 165-18 are also applicable to rule 45:
    - (1) If the current carries the boat across the finishing line while the anchor is being recovered, should the boat be scored as having finished?
    - (2) If, while the anchor is being recovered, the boat has moved closer to the finishing line, has the boat 'continued in the race'?
    - (3) If the answer to Question (2) is 'Yes', is the boat required to sail back to the point at which the recovery of the anchor started before the boat 'continues in the race'?
  3. Under the current wording of rule 45's last sentence, these three questions have no clear answer. Under the proposal, the answers are clear:
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- (1) The boat that is swept across the line by the current does not finish unless the anchor has been recovered by then.
  - (2) Question (2) will be moot under the proposal.
  - (3) The proposed wording clearly would not require the boat to sail back to the place where the recovery of the anchor started before continuing in the race.
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