

APPENDIX RV

REDUCED VISIBILITY RACING RULES

When so stated in the notice of race, the race shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 as changed by this appendix.

The preamble to Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing allows the rules of Part 2 to be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). This appendix is designed to be a replacement for the IRPCAS in overnight or long distance races. It is recommended that the organizing authority (OA) apply this appendix in the same way it would apply the IRPCAS, e.g., between sunset and sunrise.

When invoked, this appendix shall be used in its entirety, with no changes to these rules. See rule 86.1. However, the OA may request permission from World Sailing to change

- (a) the 40 metre distance in the definitions **Keep Clear**, **Mark-Room** and **Room**,*
- (b) the 200 metre distance in the definition **Zone**, and*
- (c) the 80 metre distance in rule 17.2.*

The request shall include the reasons and the expected types and sizes of the entries. The revised Appendix RV and the permission from World Sailing for the changes shall be posted on the official notice board.

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RV1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

RV1.1 The definition *Keep Clear* is changed to:

Keep Clear A boat keeps clear of a right-of-way boat if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and with no less than 40 metres between the boats.

RV1.2 The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat

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- (a) to sail to the *mark* when her *proper* course is to sail close to it,
 - (b) to round or pass the *mark* on the required side,
 - (c) to leave it astern,
- with no less than 40 metres between the boats.

RV1.3 Add new definition *Overtaking*:

Overtaking A boat is *overtaking* when she is approaching a boat from *clear astern*. She remains the *overtaking* boat until she is *clear ahead*. The other boat is the boat being *overtaken*.

RV1.4 The definition *Room* is changed to:

Room The space a boat needs in the existing conditions, including space to comply with her obligations under the rules of Part 2 and rule 31, while manoeuvring promptly in a seamanlike way, with no less than 40 metres between the boats.

RV1.5 The definition *Zone* is changed to:

Zone The area around a *mark* within a distance of 200 metres of it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*.

RV2 CHANGES TO THE RULES OF PART 2

RV2.1 Rule 17 is changed to:

17 ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE

- 17.1 A *leeward* boat shall not sail above her *proper course* while she is within 80 metres of the *windward* boat.
- 17.2 When boats on the same *tack* are within 80 metres of each other, a boat being *overtaken* shall sail her *proper course* until the *overtaking* boat becomes *overlapped* with her. However, if a boat being *overtaken* would break another rule of Part 2 in order to sail her *proper course*, rule 17.2 does not apply.
- 17.3 If there is reasonable doubt that a boat is *overtaking* another boat, it shall be presumed that she is.

Note: Approved as an appendix to be placed on the World Sailing website. This appendix may be changed with the approval of the World Sailing Racing Rules Committee.