

MAIN CHANGES IN RRS 2021-24 AS THEY AFFECT RACE OFFICERS AT WKSC



There are two main changes in the RRS 2021-24 rules which affect Race Officers:

1 START and FINISH

In the new RRS the definitions of **START** and **FINISH** have changed to refer only to “hull” – ie. **they no longer include the crew or equipment.**

See new RRS Definitions in *italics* below:

Start: A boat starts when, her ***hull*** having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with Rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her ***hull*** crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side.

Note: Hull includes any transom, the deck including any superstructure, the internal structure including any cockpit, the fittings associated with these parts and any corrector weights.

Finish: A boat finishes when, after starting, any part of her ***hull*** crosses the finishing line from the course side. However she has not finished if after crossing the finishing line she

- (a) Takes a penalty under Rule 44.2;
- (b) Corrects an error in sailing the course made at the line; or
- (c) Continues to sail the course.

So, when you are judging boats over the line at the Start or boats crossing the line to Finish you only focus on the hull.

Fixed and moveable bowsprits are excluded, as are any sails protruding beyond the bow or any crew leaning over the bow BUT the wings of a skiff or the sliding seat of an International Canoe are considered to be part of the hull, unless their class rules define them otherwise.

Example at WKSC: If you are finishing a Star or a Feva it is the bow crossing the line not the bowsprit which determines if they are OCS or when they cross the finishing line.

2 BOATS THAT DO NOT SAIL THE COURSE

There is a new scoring abbreviation of NSC for boats that “Did not sail the course”

This allows the Race Officer/Race Committee to award this score against a boat that they observe not sailing the course as set – e.g. missing out a mark, rounding a mark on the wrong side, etc.

Previously a Race Committee had to protest a boat that they observed failing to sail the correct course.

A word of warning though – Please make sure that you have correctly observed a boat (not hearsay) before awarding NSC otherwise they will likely protest you !

3 PROTEST FORMS

Just a **REMINDER** – If a competitor gives you a completed Protest Form please remember to note your name and the time of receipt at the top of the Form. Whilst access to the Clubhouse is limited please post it through the Club Letterbox. (See WKSC Handbook SI 15.1)

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