

**HYC Frostbite 2020-2021 Series**  
February 27, 2021  
Huguenot Yacht Club  
**SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**AMENDMENT 2**



In accordance with the **2021-2024 RRS** Definition of “**OBSTRUCTION**,” **Section 3. MARKS** paragraph **C.** is amended as follows:

**3. MARKS - C.** The Start and Finish Lines are Closed for WL Course when not starting or finishing. For the WL course, the Start and Finish lines shall be considered an obstruction when not starting or finishing.

**2021-2024 RRS** “*Obstruction* An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an object, area or line so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions*. However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her or, if rule 22 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat *racing*, is never a continuing *obstruction*.”

Abstract of the relevant rules/definitions from a [Dave Perry PDF](#):

Definition Obstruction - The new definition Obstruction permits the race committee to designate an object that is otherwise too small to be an obstruction as an “obstruction,” and a “line” such as a start/finish line as an “obstruction” in the sailing instructions.

Additionally, if a racer passes through a closed Start/Finish, the RC is now permitted to mark them NSC without hearing.

Rule 28 (Sailing the Race) The first sentence of new rule 28.1 states the three elements of sailing a race: “A boat shall start, sail the course and then finish.” The previous title of rule 28 was “Sailing the Course;” the new title includes all three elements. The addition of the term “then” clarifies that boats must do the elements in the order listed. Under new rule A5.1 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), the race committee can essentially disqualify a boat without a hearing for not sailing the course (see the new “NSC” in rule A10). Deleted from new rule 28.1 is reference to “the course described in the sailing instructions” because there are times the course is not described in the sailing instructions (see rule 27.1, Other Race Committee Actions Before the Starting Signal). The “string rule” in previous rule 28.2 is now the new definition Sail the Course.”

Appendix A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee) Rule A5.1 now requires the race committee to basically disqualify boats without a hearing that do not sail the course correctly (score them “NSC”, meaning “Did not sail the course”; see rule A10, Scoring Abbreviations). In the previous rules, the race committee was required to protest boats that failed to sail the course correctly. Under the new rules, boats scored NSC will have to request redress under rule 62.1(a) (Redress) if they dispute the race committee’s judgment.”

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