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FAO Brad Dellenbaugh
Sent by email to: brad.dellenbaugh@gmail.com

Dear Brad,

Authorisation to Change the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028

I am writing to confirm that, under RRS 86.2, World Sailing authorises the organizing authorities of Big Red Regatta, Ugotta Regatta, Little Traverse Cup and Macatawa Challenge (the “**TP52 Regattas**”) the following rule changes:

1. Add to the definition **Proper Course**: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
2. The definition **Mark-Room** is changed to: **Mark-Room** - Room for a boat to sail no farther than her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side.
3. **Rule 17** is deleted.
4. **Rule 20** - When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails: (a) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

In accordance with RRS 86.2, a copy of this letter must be posted on the official notice board of each event and a statement of World Sailing's approval must appear in the notice of race and sailing instructions.

I should be grateful if you can send World Sailing a report, within one month of the event, of these changes for the benefit of evaluating the development of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Furthermore, the WG are authorised by World Sailing to draft letters on their own behalf when a recommendation goes to the World Sailing Board.

Yours sincerely,

World Sailing Executive Office
