



# 2009 Racing Rules

Sunday, February 8th, 1-4 PM



## Session 1: *A strategy for learning the rules and figuring out how they apply to any situation.*

- Taking advantage of the rulebook's structure.
- The critical importance of three key concepts.
- How to decide which rules apply in any situation – playing “20 Questions”.
- How to apply the rules when three or more boats are involved.
- The critical importance of 2009 rule 64.1(c).
- Putting the rules into perspective.

## Session 2: *A guide to learning the extensively revised rules that apply at marks and obstructions.*

A revised set of racing rules will take effect on January 1, 2009. By far the most significant changes will be the major revision in the rules that apply at marks and obstructions. These rules are in Section C of the Part 2 rules. The old Section C rules, particularly old rule 18, were by far the most complicated rules in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008. While competitors generally liked the ‘game’ they produced, many sailors and officials called for simplification.

In response, during 2005 and 2006 the US SAILING Racing Rules Committee and the Royal Yachting Association Racing Rules Committee developed several drafts of possible revisions of Section C, and two preliminary US drafts were tested on the water by various fleets during the summer of 2006. ISAF then appointed a special working party to develop ideas from those drafts into new Section C rules. Its members included Ben Altman, Rob Overton and Dick Rose, all of whom are members of the US SAILING Racing Rules Committee.

## Session 3: *Q&A*

Informal discussion with Dick at the bar. There will be new books for sale.



**Dick Rose -  
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### *Affiliations:*

- Member, US SAILING Racing Rules Committee for over 20 years and Chairman for 12 years. Currently Secretary of the committee.
- Member, International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules Committee for over 15 years.
- Member, ISAF Racing Rules Committee Working Party for last 14 years.
- Chairman, ISAF Case Book Working Party for last 8 years.
- US Sailing Senior Judge.

Mr. Rose has raced for over 50 years, mostly in dinghies, including International 14s, Lasers, Snipes, Lightnings, Penguins and mostly recently a Laser 28. Various championships won include International 14 World Team Racing Championship, Frostbite Championship of Long Island Sound, runner-up National Inter-collegiate Sailing Championship.

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*Dick Rose will present a seminar on these topics  
at the Milwaukee Yacht Club at 1-4 PM on Sunday, February 8th.*