

DEVELOPMENT RULE DR25-01

TRACKING TO DETERMINE STARTING AND FINISHING FOR 2025-2028

Version 2025-11

When so stated in the notice of race, races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 as changed by this Development Rule. The notice of race shall reference the relevant version.

Under Regulation 20.3(d)(ii), World Sailing has approved the use of this rule as set out in this approval document.

This Development Rule shall only be used by organizing authorities for oceanic or passage races.

Every boat in the race must be tracked with a suitable tracking device. The notice of race or sailing instructions shall specify a location of the tracking device on each boat. This location shall be consistent.

It is recommended that this rule is used when it is impractical to have the race committee physically on station to observe the start or the finish. race committees are cautioned that errors in the tracking devices and the position of the device relative to different sized boats may reduce the accuracy of determining starting or finishing.

Organizing authorities may use all of this Development Rule to use tracking for both starting and finishing, or they may use (a) or (b) of this Development Rule to only manage (a) starting, or (b) finishing. The following applicable clause(s) shall be included in the notice of race:

(a) STARTING

The definition Start is changed with the addition of the following: As approved by World Sailing under DR25-01 [include DR version number], the location of a boat's hull will be determined by the position provided by the transponder supplied by the organizing authority. However, the race committee may determine if a boat started by using other evidence. If requested, a boat shall provide the race committee evidence as to their location. This evidence can be, but is not limited to, a boat's navigation software log file, testimony or evidence from other boats, personal race tracker or AIS logs.

(b) FINISHING

The definition Finish is changed with the addition of the following: As approved by World Sailing under DR25-01 [include DR version number], the location of a boat's hull will be determined by the position provided by the transponder supplied by the organizing authority. However, the race committee may determine if a boat finished by using other evidence. If requested, a boat shall provide the race committee evidence as to their location. This evidence can be, but is not limited to, a boat's navigation software log file, testimony or evidence from other boats, personal race tracker or AIS logs.