

UNDERSTANDING THE RACING RULES OF SAILING THROUGH 2028

**PREAMBLE TO SECTION D**

**When rule 21 or 22 applies between two boats, Section A rules do not.**

This preamble clarifies that whenever rule 21 (Starting Errors; Taking Penalties; Backing a Sail) or rule 22 (Capsized, Anchored or Aground; Rescuing) applies, it takes precedence over the basic right-of-way rules in Section A. Note, however, that the rules of Section B still apply, which most significantly means that rule 16 (Changing Course) applies to a boat given the right of way in rule 21.