

Rules Specialist Group 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing

Navigation marks and Off the Beach Boats

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Question

Are there rules covering navigation marks in sailing for off the beach classes?
Are these meant to be observed during course racing?

Answer

The only rule in the published Racing Rules of Sailing is rule 56.2 that could include the navigation marks forming a Traffic Separation Scheme.

Other than rule 56.2, requirements for boats regarding navigation marks, navigation aids, or observing other local regulations (for example, an area as a restricted zone that boats may not enter) must be detailed in the Notice of Race ('NoR') or Sailing Instructions ('SI'). When these are in the NoR or SI, they apply to boats at the times stated. If nothing in the NoR or SI, then there are no requirements in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Please note that any legal requirement would still apply between the boat and the relevant local authorities even if it is not a rule under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

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