



AMERICA'S CUP

REGATTA DIRECTOR NOTICE #32

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Re: Reconnaissance

At a recent Competitor Forum, Competitors discussed a desire to supplement the reconnaissance rules in the Protocol in regards to the activities of the boats of one or more Competitors observing the sailing of another Competitor. The focus of this is in regards to the safety of all on the water at these times.

I therefore ask that all Competitors observe the following:

1. Minimum Distance

Without the prior consent of the Competitor sailing, observation boats are to stay at least 150 meters away from the yacht or yachts being observed. Unless the observation boat is anchored or moored, the boat shall take actions to keep this minimum distance away from another Competitor's yacht.

2. Radio Contact

I suggest that the observers and the Competitor agree on a channel to monitor and communicate on. If this arrangement is not made, observation boats shall monitor the local marine emergency radio channel (usually VHF 16).

If the above can be complied with, I hope that there will not be a need to amend the Protocol to codify this as a rule and, as a result, make non-compliance subject to penalties.

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