



# Pumping Information



Sometimes pumping is allowed:

Oscar turns ON and Romeo REMOVES the ability to pump, rock and ooch.

Rule 42 Guidance for 29ers and World Sailing Interpretations [can be found here](#).

**Class Rules say:**

## Section C – Conditions for Racing

### C.1 GENERAL

#### C.1.1 RULES

- (a) If the wind is consistently 10 knots or above, measured at deck level, the RC may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that “pumping, rocking and ooching” are permitted. This changes RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b) and RRS 42.2(c).

**Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix P says**

#### P5 FLAGS O AND R

##### P5.1 When Rule P5 Applies

Rule P5 applies if the class rules permit pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds a specified limit.

##### P5.2 Before the Starting Signal

- (a) The race committee may signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal.
- (b) If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O has been displayed, the race committee may *postpone* the race. Then, before or with a new warning signal, the committee shall display either flag R, to signal that rule 42 as changed by the class rules applies, or flag O, as provided in rule P5.2(a).
- (c) If flag O or flag R is displayed before or with the warning signal, it shall be displayed until the starting signal.

FLAG O  
“OSCAR”



FLAG R  
“ROMEO”



Appendix P SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR RULE 42

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#### P5.3 After the Starting Signal

After the starting signal,

- (a) if the wind speed exceeds the specified limit, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a *mark* to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the class rules, after passing the *mark*;
- (b) if flag O has been displayed and the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a *mark* to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies after passing the *mark*.