

# THE MOST IMPORTANT RULES IN SLALOM SURFING

Slalom is one of the most spectacular and powerful windsurfing disciplines.

The races are on high speed.

To avoid serious incidents with injuries and unfair sailing some rules are necessary.

## During the race the main rules are:

- 11 The overtaking board shall *keep clear* of the overtaken board. The overtaken board shall not change course if as a result the overtaking board would need to take action to avoid contact.
- 12 When boards are on the same tack and not overlapped, the board *clear astern* shall *keep clear* of a board *clear ahead*.
- 18.1 An inside *overlapped* board or a *clear ahead* board is entitled to *room* when *rounding or passing* a mark or obstruction .
- 24.2.b Competitors outside the area formed by the starting line and the extensions of the lines between the starting line and the first mark shall not interfere with boards in the area.

## Other important rules can be found in the Experimental Slalom Competition Rules.

The most important parts for competitors are:

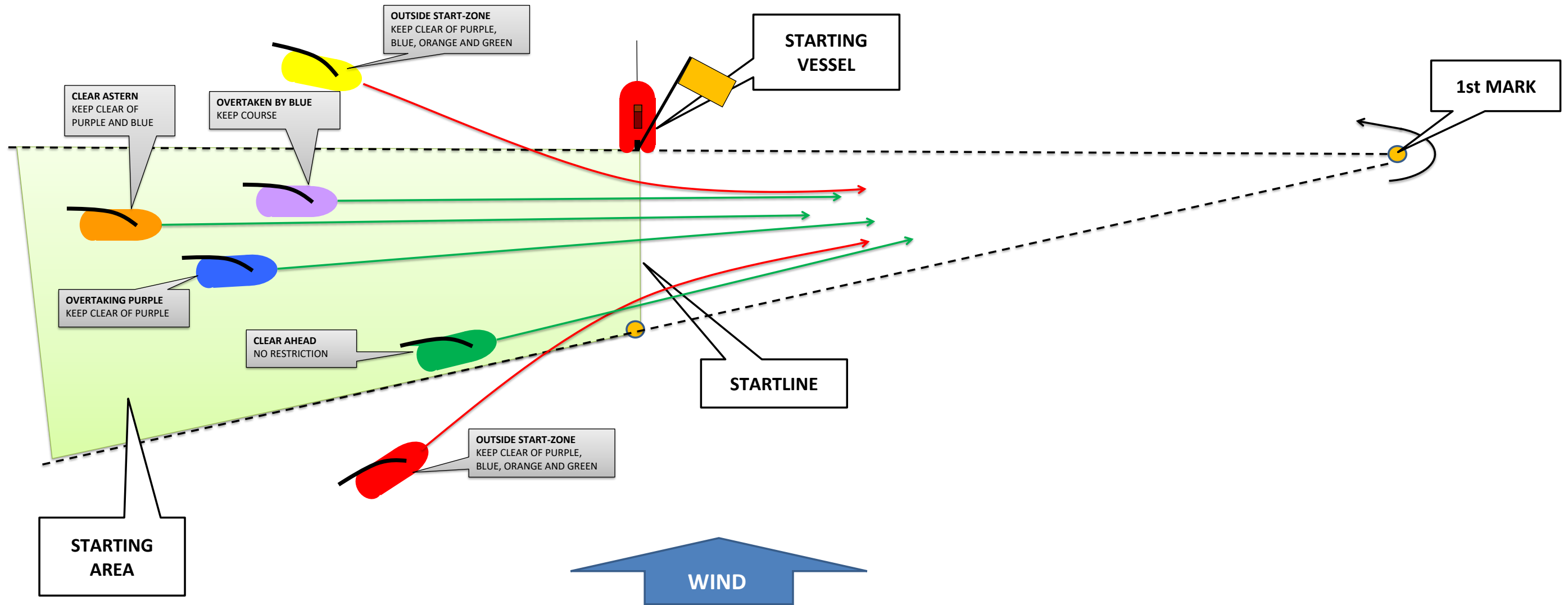
- Part 1 Fundamental rules
- Part 2 When boards meet
- Part 3 Conduct a race
- Part 4 Other requirements when racing
- Part 5 Rule 61.1 (requirements for a protest)  
Rule 62.1 (Redress)
- Appendix -A- Scoring
- Appendix -G- Sailnumbers

*A total of 15 pages of which the competitor should know the existing and where to find them if needed*

In the next 3 drawings you will find the 3 most common situations during slalom racing with the rules.

# THE START

RULE 24.3B Competitors **outside the area** formed by the starting line and the extensions of the lines between the starting line and the first mark **shall not interfere** with boards in the area.  
OTHER RULES: RULE 11 (OVERTAKING) AND RULE 12 (NOT OVERLAPPED ON THE SAME TACK)



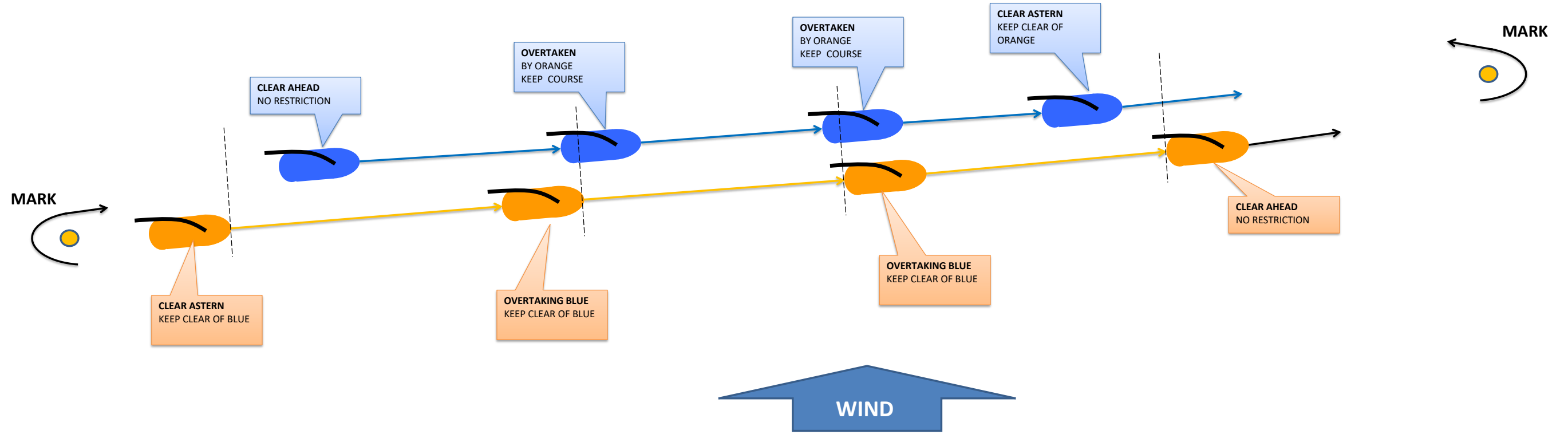
# OVERTAKEN

RULE 12: **ON THE SAME TACK, NOT OVERLAPPED**

When boards are on the same tack and not overlapped, the board *clear astern* shall *keep clear of a board clear ahead*.

RULE 11: **OVERTAKING**

The *overtaking board shall keep clear* of the overtaken board. The *overtaken board shall not change course* if as a result the overtaking board would need to take action to avoid contact.



# MARKROUNDING

RULE 18.2 ROUNDING/PASSING MARK OR OBSTRUCTION

An **inside overlapped board** or a **clear ahead board** is entitled to room when rounding or passing a mark or obstruction.

OTHER RULES: RULE 11 (OVERTAKING) AND RULE 12 (NOT OVERLAPPED ON THE SAME TACK)

