

## John Doerr – Rules Talks 2025

John Doerr has over 40 years of experience as an International Judge, including 8 Olympic Games and 4 America's Cups. As an active racing sailor, JD (as he is known) has won a sailboat race in each of the last 62 years! However, he has his feet on the ground regarding the racing rules.

JD believes that understanding how sailors can apply the rules at 'racing speed' is fundamental to being competitive. He also believes that race officials need to have relevant rules at their fingertips. Both are aimed at enjoying our wonderful sport on the water and minimising our time in disputes, including the protest room.

There are over 200 text changes in the 2025-28 version of the Racing Rules, but JD will focus on those that change the game or are top of the list for race officers.

He will introduce his unique method for applying the rules while racing that he has developed being crew member and an International Judge and Umpire.

Experience shows that people enjoy his rules talks and the easy and relaxed way he brings the rules across and connects with the fellow sailors. JD will make all his material available to your Club.

