

# **Sailboat Racing Rules Changes Seminar Mon. March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Bellingham Yacht Club**

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Cost \$15 per adult, \$7 per student

## **Sailors! Get a head start understanding *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012***

A revised set of racing rules took effect on January 1, 2009. By far the most significant changes will be the major revision in the rules that apply at marks and obstructions. These rules are in Section C of the Part 2 rules. The old Section C rules, particularly old rule 18, were by far the most complicated rules in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008*. While competitors generally liked the 'game' they produced, many sailors and officials called for simplification. In response, during 2005 and 2006 the US SAILING Racing Rules Committee and the Royal Yachting Association Racing Rules Committee developed several drafts of possible revisions of Section C, and two preliminary US drafts were tested on the water by various fleets during the summer of 2006. The International Sailing Federation then appointed five experienced rules experts from the USA and the UK to a special working party to develop ideas from those drafts into new Section C rules.

**Dick Rose was a member of that special working party. Dick will present a seminar on the new rules for marks and obstructions at the Bellingham Yacht Club at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 30th. From 6:30 to 8:30, Dick will discuss how the new rules work and how they differ from last year's rules. Then he will answer questions from the audience in an open-ended session from 8:30 on.**

If you have a new US SAILING rulebook, please bring it with you.