

Coastal Cup 2026. Mark Touching Rule

The following will be in the NOR for CC 2026 - simply put, this allows marks to be touched without penalty except for the starting mark while or before starting and the finishing mark while or after finishing.

While not part of our revised Rule 31 (1.1) Rule 1.2 clarifies that when a boat is entitled to mark room they cannot be forced into the mark by an outside boat. Note that 1.2 does NOT create a new or changed rule.

1.1 RRS 31 is deleted and replaced with the following:

31 TOUCHING A MARK

While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before or while starting, or a finishing mark while or after finishing.

1.2 For avoidance of doubt, when a boat is entitled to mark room, the room includes room to round the mark without touching it as it is un-seamanlike to touch a mark. Citation: Call B11 - WS Call Book for Radio Sailing RRS 18.2 (b).