

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule C2.4

A submission from the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee and Match Racing Committee

Purpose

To codify a general principle in match racing as a rule.

Proposal

1. Change the title of rule C2:

C2 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS AND THE RULES OF PARTS 1, 2 AND

2. Add new rule as C2.4 and re-number other C2 rules accordingly:

C2.4 Add new rule 7 to Part 1

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

When the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, changes, the umpires will assume that the state of the boat, or her relationship to the other boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

3. Amend the General Principle for Umpire Decisions in the *Call Book for Match Racing* accordingly.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

This change has been part of the Match Racing Test Package that has been trialled since January 2015. It was also included in the Racing Rules for the 34th America's Cup and is part of the Racing Rules for the 35th America's Cup. This shows that this rule has been tested and the evidence suggests that such an addition is a good addition.

For decades, this principle has been accepted, used by umpires and understood by competitors. The proposal will make it a rule for all match racing.
