**Racing Rules of Sailing**

**Definition Obstruction and Rule F20.1.(a)**

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Purpose or Objective**

To apply the principle of “changing course of position of the kite” to obstructions

**Proposal 1**

Amend the first sentence of Appendix F Definitions – Obstruction as follows:

“An object that a kiteboard could not pass without changing her course or position of her kite substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and 10 metres from it.”

**Proposal 2**

Change Rule 20.1.(a) as follows:

“she can avoid the obstruction safely without making a substantial change of her course or position of her kite change”

**Current Position**

As above

**Reason**

In many rules for kiteboard racing the position of the kite is taking into consideration (as the sail = kite is separated several meters from the hull) and so should in the definition and rules about obstructions.