Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule L12.1

A submission from the Danish Sailing Association

Purpose or Objective
To clarify when to change the course with a new mark and provide a consistent sailing instruction for this option.

Proposal
Amend item 12.1 in RRS Appendix L (Sailing Instructions Guide) as follows:

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) lay a new mark, (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

Current Position
RRS Appendix L 12.1.

Reasons
1. When signalling ‘change of course’ for the run leg, it is often more convenient for the race committee to move the original gate marks than lay new marks.
2. This submission provides a consistent solution by specifying when the race committee will lay a new mark or move the original gate marks.
3. The proposed wording is common practice for World Sailing Events.