Racing Rules of Sailing

New Definition of Competitor

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Purpose or Objective

To define all terms under Definitions and to be consistent in the use of terms

Proposal

1. Amend rule 69.1(a) as follows:

69.1 Obligation not to Commit Gross Misconduct
(a) A competitor or the owner of the boat shall not commit gross misconduct, including a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, or conduct bringing the sport into disrepute. Throughout rule 69, ‘competitor’ means a member of the crew, or the owner, of a boat.

2. Amend rule C1 as follows:

C1 TERMINOLOGY
‘Competitor’ means the skipper, team or boat as appropriate for the event.

3. Insert new Definition as follows:

Competitor A member of the crew of a boat entered in a race.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Consistency, all definitions under Definitions
2. Consistency in the use of terms, one term one definition
3. Only members of crews of boats which are entered in a race are competitors
4. In match racing and kite boarding a change is made from a competing boat to a competing person, the term competitor should be reserved to a person, the term boat is for boat and crew.
5. To make it easier to use the rulebook and to find the definitions of terms