Racing Rules of Sailing

Definition ‘Proper Course’

A submission from the Deutscher Segler-Verband

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the RRS definition of the term ‘Proper Course’

Proposal

Amend the RRS definition of the term ‘Proper Course’

A course a boat would sail to complete the course prescribed in the sailing instructions and finish as soon as possible in the absence of the other boats referred to in the rule using the term. A boat has no proper course before her starting signal.

Current Position

As above

Reason

The wording of the current definition does not reflect that a boats proper course depends from the direction to the next mark and not from the direction to the finishing line.