

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 32.2(b)

A submission from the Deutscher Segler-Verband

Purpose or Objective

To clarify RSS 32.2(b)

Proposal

(b) at a line boats are required to cross ~~at the end of each lap~~ **by the sailing instructions**, that line

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. The phrase in the current rule “end of each lap” is not defined. Neither a “lap”, nor the “beginning of a lap” nor the “end of a lap” is defined in the RRS. With the requirement to define such a line in the sailing instructions, preferable in the description of the course to be sailed, every competitor can identify this line with its place and dimension (length). In addition this wording clarifies that a finish cannot be taken at any line, that boats have to cross unavoidable, e.g. a line from one shore to the other on a lake, without noticing that the boats have finished “by accident”.
 2. It should also be clear that the requirement to cross the line is stated in the sailing instructions and that the line is not only set by geographical conditions.
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