Racing Rules of Sailing

ERS Definitions

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To identify appropriate ERS definitions in the Racing Rules of Sailing

Proposal:

To identify terms that are defined in the ERS, they shall be printed as bold. This applies only, if the term is used in the context relevant to the ERS.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

1. In November 2018, when rejecting submission 179-18, RRC approved the principle of identifying appropriate ERS definitions in the RRS. This was to inform readers of the RRS that a term is defined by the ERS. This in particular will assist sailors reading equipment related rules in the RRS.

2. As definitions used in the RRS are in italic type or, in preambles, in bold italic type, the use of bold type would identify clearly the ERS definitions.

3. This should only apply if the term is used in its technical use; please find below as an example the suggested editing of the definition “start”:

Start A boat starts when, having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull, crew or equipment crosses the starting line in the direction of the first mark.