Racing Rules of Sailing

Preamble to Section A of Part 2

A submission from US SAILING

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the meaning of the preamble’s first sentence.

Proposal

A boat has right of way over another boat when the other another boat is required to keep clear of her. However, some rules in Sections B, C and D limit the actions of a right-of-way boat.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

The preamble’s current first sentence can be interpreted to mean that, when Boat A is required to keep clear of Boat B, B has right of way over all other boats. The intended meaning is that, when A is required to keep clear of B, B has right of way over A. The proposal states clearly what is intended.