Racing Rules of Sailing

Definition Proper Course

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Amend the language of the definition to be in line with the interpretation(s) used by sailors and officials.

Proposal

Amend Definition Proper Course as follows:

Proper Course A course a boat would sail to sail the course 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

Reasons

1. “Finish” is itself a defined term and the quickest course to cross the finishing line from the course side may not include the quickest course to the next mark.

2. This amendment brings the language of the definition in line with how the term is used by sailors and officials. That being that the proper course would be the course a boat would sail to the next mark of the course, not the course to finish.