Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 14

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To remove the contradiction that a boat can break a rule and not be penalised.

Proposal

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible. However, a right-of-way boat or one entitled to room or mark-room

(a) need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not keeping clear or giving room or mark-room, and

(b) shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage or injury. shall be exonerated if she breaks this rule and the contact does not cause damage or injury.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Replacing "shall not be penalised" with "shall be exonerated" simplifies the rule and makes it consistent with the principle that a boat breaking a rule shall be exonerated or penalised.

This submission was prepared by the ISAF Section C Working Party.