Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule 9

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To introduce a new rule of conduct.

Proposal

Add new rule 9 – which may become 7 or 8 if other submissions are approved

9 [DP] CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall:

(a) comply with reasonable instructions from race officials in a timely manner.

(b) handle any boats and equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, without interfering with its functionality.

Current Position

None

Reasons

1. These rules are often included in sailing instructions.

2. These rules often avoid needing to resort to rule 69. For example, competitors are instructed to keep the slipway as clear as possible for other boats by a slipway marshall, but fail to do so.

3. While the majority of events do not have equipment provided by the organizing authority, boat tracking units and media equipment on boats is becoming more common.

4. [DP] is appropriate as often a warning is sufficient to change behaviour.