**Racing Rules of Sailing**

**Rule 16.2**

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To implement an updated rule 16.2.

**Proposal**

Amend rule 16.2 as follows:

16.2 In addition, on a beat to windward when after the starting signal a port-tack boat is keeping clear by sailing to pass astern to leeward of a starboard-tack boat, the star-board-tack boat shall not change course bear away if as a result the port-tack boat would immediately need to change course immediately to continue keeping clear.

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reason**

1. The current rule 16.2 has been proved not work for team racing, particularly when, on a windward leg, the starboard-tack boat sails below 90° to the true wind. The same problems exist in fleet racing.

2. A new test rule 16.2 was developed and was widely used in the spring and summer 2018, particularly for keelboat team racing in Europe and in the USA. As a result of reports received on the trials, the test rule was modified and further tested in 2019.

3. This 2019 test rule has received general acceptance from competitors and officials.

4. It is recommended that the developed and tested version of this rule is also applied to rule 16.2 in Part 2.

5. Note: There is an identical submission to change the equivalent rule in Appendix D, should this submission not be approved.