**Racing Rules of Sailing**

Appendix D, Rule D5.3

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Proposal**

Amend rule D5.3 as follows:

**D5.3** A breakdown caused by defective supplied equipment or a breach of a *rule* by an opponent shall not normally be determined to be the fault of the crew, but one caused by careless handling, capsizing or a breach by a boat on the same team shall be. **If there is doubt, it shall be presumed that the crew are not at fault.** Any doubt about the fault of the crew shall be resolved in the boat’s favour.

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reason**

To remove an ambiguity in the current wording of this rule.