

**Racing Rules of Sailing**

New Definition: Change Course

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To clarify when a boat changes course for the purpose of the Part 2 rules.

**Proposal**

1. Add new definition as follows:  
  
***Change Course*** A boat *changes course* when the direction in which her bow is pointing changes.
2. Italicize 'changes course' in rule 16.1, 'changing course' in the definition *Obstruction*, and 'change course' in the definition *Keep Clear*, in two places in rule 16.2, in rule 20.1 and where appropriate in Appendices B, C, D, E and F.

**Current Position**

None.

**Reason**

In November 2014 Submission 203-14 was withdrawn and Q&A M002 (2013-11), on which it was based, was retained pending new submissions to clarify the rules about boats crabbing to windward. This proposal and one to amend rule 22.3 are the result.

---