**Racing Rules of Sailing**

Appendix B Definition ‘About to Round or Pass’ and rule B2.18

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To simplify and clarify a complex Definition by moving part of Rule 18 from rule to the Definition ‘About to Round or Pass’, which makes it easier to read. Sailors and officials report it is difficult to understand. The new wording of the rule 18 is consistent to the standard RRS.

**Proposal 1**

Amend the Appendix B Definition “About to Round or Pass as follows:

*About to Round or Pass* A board is *about to round or pass a mark* when her *proper course* is to begin to manoeuvre to round or pass it, *until the mark is rounded or passed*.

**Proposal 2**

Amend Appendix B2.18 as follows:

The first sentence of rule 18.1 is changed to:

Rule 18 *begins to applies* between boards when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is *about to round or pass* it. *The rule no longer applies* after the board entitled to *mark room* has passed the *mark*.

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reason**

The proposed amendment makes the Appendix B rule 18 consistent to the standard rule 18 and the difference will be clarified in the Definition ‘About to round or pass’.