Reporting Committee – Racing Rules
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Submission: 169-18

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 62.1(b)

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

The language of the RRS is not consistent with the language of the IRPCAS. The requirement to keep clear referred to in RRS 62.1(b) is not always applicable under the IRPCAS.

Proposal

Change RRS 62.1(b) as follows:

(b) injury or physical damage because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2, or of a vessel not *racing* that was required to keep clear **or is determined at fault**;

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Redress from injury or physical damage from a vessel not racing requires that vessel not racing to be “required to keep clear”.

2. IRPCAS decisions do not always involve finding that a vessel was required to keep clear. In decisions regarding collisions the IRPAS moves to finding fault. For example, refer US case - Pennsylvania Rule.