Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 55

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To include support persons within the scope of rule 55.

Proposal

TRASH DISPOSAL

A competitor Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification and shall be applied to the boat with which the competitor or support person is associated.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1 The addition of support persons in line 1 will clarify that the word 'Participants' in the Basic Principle Environmental Responsibility also applies to Support Persons. The additional words are consistent with the first words used in rules 6, 7 and 69.1.

2 The added words in lines 3 and 4 make it clear that the associated boat can be penalised.