

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 22

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To clarify that a boat crabbing to windward must keep clear of other boats.

Proposal

**22 STARTING ERRORS; TAKING PENALTIES; BACKING A SAIL ~~MOVING~~
~~ASTERN~~**

22.3 A boat moving astern, or to windward, through the water by backing a sail shall *keep clear* of one that is not.

Current Position

As above.

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In November 2014 Submission 203-14 was withdrawn and Q&A M002 (2013-11), on which it was based, was retained pending new submissions to clarify the rules about boats crabbing to windward.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 for a new Definition *Change Course* are the result.
