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In November 2014 Submission 203-14 was withdrawn and Q&A M002 (2013-11), on which it was based, was retained pending new submissions to clarify the rules about boats crabbing to windward.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