Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 24.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To make the wording of rule 24.2 consistent with the rule’s intent.

Proposal

24.2 Except when sailing her proper course, a boat shall not act to interfere with a boat taking a penalty or sailing on another leg.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Before the starting signal a right-of-way boat may inadvertently and unknowingly interfere with a boat taking a penalty as a result of an incident with a third boat. The proposed change clarifies that the rule is broken only when a boat clearly sails to prevent another boat, that is subject to rule 22.2, from completing a penalty.