A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To update the course diagrams in Appendix S.

Proposal

1. Change the gate designation in the existing Appendix S courses L, LA, W and WA from 2s/2p to 4s/4p.

2. Add the designation ‘N’ to signify No gate for windward/leeward courses.

3. Add the designation ‘F’ to signify a separate Finishing line on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.

4. Add the designation ‘R’ to signify a Reach to the finishing line after rounding mark 4p.

5. Add course I for Inner trapezoid.

6. Add course O for Outer trapezoid.

7. Add course OW for an Outer trapezoid with a Windward finish.
Reasons

1. The use of Appendix S is growing steadily for both club level events and for larger events, including for some world championships. One common complaint about Appendix S is the limited number of diagrams. Organizers currently have to add courses in the supplemental SIs when the Appendix S diagrams do not meet their needs.

2. The most common requests for additional course diagrams are for courses without gates, courses with a separate finishing line, trapezoid courses and Optimist courses.

3. The inclusion of these additional courses is expected to add four additional pages to Appendix S. When formatted for the rule book, common course configurations like N for No gate can be accomplished by using an insert in the existing course diagrams that would refer to similar courses and reduce the number of pages in the rule book.