Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule X16

A submission from: International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective

Include necessary changes to the new kiteboarding Appendix X that are currently not part of it.

Proposal

Amend the new kiteboarding course racing rules Appendix (Appendix X) as follows:

Amend Rule 16 as follows:

16 Changing course or kite position

16.1 When a right-of-way kiteboard changes course or the position of her kite, she shall give the other kiteboard room to keep clear.

16.2 In addition, when after the starting signal a port-tack kiteboard is keeping clear by sailing to pass astern of a starboard-tack kiteboard, the starboard-tack kiteboard shall not change course or the position of her kite if as a result the port-tack kiteboard would immediately need to change course or the position of her kite to continue keeping clear.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

The above changes refer to the structure of the new kiteboarding Appendix X (or letter as found appropriate by the Racing Rules Working party).

Kiteboarding requires a correlation of changing course and kite position, and this proposed rule change introduces this principle as already implemented in other rules also to rule 16.

16.1 is as currently in the experimental appendix BB.

The current 16.2 is requiring a right-of-way kiteboard to keep the kite in a certain position if reasonable possible, which is limiting it’s right of way. Furthermore, “if reasonable possible” is practically impossible to judge and therefore should be deleted.

The new 16.2 is much closer to the original RRS text as it only introduces the correlation of course and kite position and thus simplifies the kiteboarding appendix.