Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule F2.13

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and the International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective

Simplify RRS, consistent application of rules for changes of tack on upwind and downwind legs

Proposal

Delete rule F2.13.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Rule 13 applies while tacking. In kiteboard racing, this situation only applies for split seconds and has led to confusion for sailors and protest committees about when a tack is completed and when rules 15 and 16 apply.

In addition, in twin tip racing (bi-directional boards) there is no tacking at all as they do not pass through head to wind.

Virtually all situations that involve rule 13 for boats are solved through application of rule 15 and 16 in kiteboarding.

For gybing, only rules 15 and 16 apply.

It is much clearer for sailors and protest committees to apply the same rules consistently for changes of the tack upwind and downwind, and therefore move to only apply rule 15 and 16 for both manoeuvres and therefore delete rule 13 for kiteboarding.