Racing Rules of Sailing

Definition Keep Clear

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Purpose or Objective

To clarify the second part of the definition by removing the reference to a boat “changing course in both directions”, which is a physical impossibility.

Proposal

*Keep Clear* One boat *keeps clear* of another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are *overlapped* on the same *tack*, if the *leeward* boat can *luff* and can *bear away* change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the *windward* boat.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

See Purpose above.