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Meaning of 'hull' in the Racing Rules of Sailing

Situation

The term 'hull' is mentioned in several places in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Question 1

What is the applicable definition of 'hull'?

Answer 1

The term 'hull' is not defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, therefore, under the introduction/terminology, the word is used in the sense ordinarily understood in the nautical or general use.

Question 2

Are bowsprits, fixed or retractable, part of the hull?

Answer 2

No, unless otherwise defined in the class, rating or empirical handicap rules.

Question 3

Are the wings of a skiff, fixed or retractable, part of the hull?

Answer 3

Yes, unless otherwise defined in the class, rating or empirical handicap rules.

Question 4

Are fittings associated with the transom, the deck or any superstructure, considered part of the hull?

Answer 4

No.