

Racing Rules of Sailing

Introduction, Terminology, 'Boat'

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the meaning of 'boat', a basic term used over 600 times in the racing rules.

Proposal

In Terminology in the Introduction, change the meaning of 'boat' as follows:

Boat	A sailboat <u>that has entered or intends to enter an event</u> , and the crew on board.
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Current Position

As above.

Reason

The current meaning of 'boat' includes a sailboat that has no connection to an event, such as a cruising boat that sails through the racing area. Therefore a reader could conclude that such a sailboat is governed by the racing rules. That, of course, is not 'intended'. The proposal's added words make it clear that a boat is a sailboat that is, or intends to be, one of the boats competing in an event.
