

Racing Rules

Rule B2.16.1

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

In Appendix B, amend the rule 16.1 by adding the responsibility to the right of way boat to give a room to keep clear when she is changing the position of her equipment.

Proposal

Add a new rule B2.16.1

16 CHANGING COURSE OR POSITION OF EQUIPMENT

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

Current Position

Rule 16 in Part 2 is not changed by Appendix B.

Reasons

1. It is a very common situation at the starting line of windsurfing events. When the leeward board, without changing her course, leans to windward and capsizes over the windward board causing her to capsize. With the current rules, no one broke a rule and therefore the windward board is not entitled to redress, even though she was caused to capsize by another board.
 2. The proposed amendment to the RRS 16.1 will solve this unfortunate situation by putting a responsibility to the boat which is, unexpectedly, changing the position of her equipment.
 3. Kiteboarding Racing Rules in RRS Appendix F already changed this rule and have used it very successfully in the situation described above.
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