

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule D5.4

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Improve consistency by using the same words throughout the rulebook.

Proposal 1

Change rule D5.4 as shown:

D5.4 When the race committee decides that the ~~team's~~ **boat's** finishing ~~position~~ **place** was made significantly worse, that the breakdown was through no fault of the crew, and that in the same circumstances a reasonably competent crew would not have been able to avoid the breakdown, it shall make as equitable a decision as possible. This may be to *abandon* and resail the race or, when the boat's finishing ~~position~~ **place** was predictable, award her points for that ~~position~~ **place**. Any doubt about a boat's position when she broke down shall be resolved against her.

Current Position

See above.

Reasons

1. The words 'finishing position' are only used in rule D5.4, while the words 'finishing place' is used 12 times in other rules.
 2. A boat has a finishing place in a race; in a three-boat-per-team team race, each team has three finishing places and, based on those places, it either wins or loses the race.
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