

Racing Rules of Sailing

Gender Neutral Language in the Racing Rules of Sailing

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To use gender neutral language in the rules.

Proposal

To edit the rule book using gender neutral language as far as the understanding of the rules is not compromised.

Current Position

Currently, the rule book is written under the convention that a competitor/participant is always male.

Reasons

In October 2022 the RRC discussed submission 042-22 which proposed changing the language of eight rules in order to eliminate pronouns he/his and replace them with gender neutral terms. The RRC agreed to defer submission 042-22 and try a more ambitious plan to extend the review and, if possible, the use of gender-neutral language to all the rule book.
