

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 16.1

A submission from the German Sailing Federation (Deutscher Segler-Verband)

Purpose or Objective

Amendment of rule 16.1 for clarification and consistency with the wording of Appendix F

Proposal

16.1 When a right-of-way boat changes course, she shall give the other boat *room* to **continue** *keeping* clear.

Current Position

as above

Reasons

1. The purpose of rule 16.1 is that a right-of-way boat which is changing her course has to give a keep-clear boat that is keeping clear room to continue doing so.
 2. The proposed wording clarifies this limitation for the right-of-way boat under rule 16.1. Several protests and appeals in the last years have shown that there is a common misunderstanding of rule 16.1 if a keep-clear boat that is already not keeping clear has to be given room to keep clear before the right-of-way boat may change her course.
 3. The proposed wording has been tested in Appendix F the last years and proven to be practicable and well understood.
 4. Moreover, the difference in the wording of rules 16.1 and F2 16.1 could be understood to mean that the rules are also to be interpreted differently.
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