

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Case based on Q&A E001

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To propose a new case based on an ISAF Q&A.

Proposal

CASE XXX

Definition, Racing

A boat clears the finishing line and marks when no part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the line, and no mark is influencing her choice of course.

Question

The definition Racing states that a boat that *'finishes* and clears the finishing line and *marks*' is no longer racing. When does a boat 'clear' the finishing line and marks?

Answer

A boat clears the finishing line and marks when the following two conditions are met: no part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the line, and no finishing mark is influencing her choice of course.

For example, a boat that clears the finishing line and then continues to sail toward a finishing mark, where current sets her into the mark, is still racing and has broken rule 31. However, a boat that crosses the finishing line, and sails to a position at which no finishing line mark is influencing her choice of course, is no longer racing. If, later, she hits a finishing line mark, she does not break rule 31.

Current Position

None. The case is new. However, it is based on current ISAF Q&A E001.

Reason

To comply with an item in the minutes of the 2012 Racing Rules Committee meeting in Dublin by proposing a new case based on current ISAF Q&A E001. At that meeting, the Racing Rules Committee recommended that that Q&A was sufficiently helpful and interesting to competitors and officials that it be proposed as a new case.
