

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS Definition *Obstruction*

A submission from the German Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

Housekeeping of Definition *Obstruction* to give it a more logical order.

Proposal

Change Definition *Obstruction* to read:

Obstruction An *obstruction* is

- (a) an object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it;
- ~~(b) an object that is so designated in a rule;~~
- (b) an object that can be safely passed on only one side; ~~or~~**
- (c) an object that is so designated in a rule; or**
- (d) an area or line in a *rule* that boats are prohibited from entering or crossing.

Current Position

Obstruction An *obstruction* is

- (a) an object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it;
- (b) an object that is so designated in a rule;
- (c) an object that can be safely passed on only one side; or
- (d) an area or line in a *rule* that boats are prohibited from entering or crossing.

Reasons

1. The changed order of the sub-items initially lists all those objects that are *obstructions* due to their natural characteristics. Only then are those *obstructions* listed that become *obstructions* due to a rule.
 2. The proposed change follows that order consequentially.
-