



505 World Championships

Question for Officials

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Question For: Protest Committee

Question:

If having already started by passing behind the gate launch on starboard, are you allowed to then pass below the gate launch or pin end mark to continue to sail the course?

Answer:

No, as this would not fulfil the requirements of the string test as to whether you have sailed the course correctly see RRS 28.1 and under the "Definitions" as below:

Sail the Course

A boat *sails the course* provided that a string representing her track from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its prestart side to *start* until she *finishes*, when drawn taut,

- (a) passes each *mark* of the course for the race on the required side and in the correct order,
- (b) touches each *mark* designated in the sailing instructions to be a rounding *mark*, and
- (c) passes between the *marks* of a gate from the direction of the course from the previous *mark*.