

Racing Rules of Sailing

Use of 'Flag' in Various Rules

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Purpose or Objective

After introducing rule 25.3 the word "flag" in the rules should be changed in "signal"

Proposal

1. Change the word "flag" in "signal" in all the RRS except rule 61.1, 62.2, C6.1, C6.3, C6.4, C6.5(a), D1.2(b) and (c), D2.2, D2.5, D5.2, M3.1 and Protest Form.
2. Amend C7.4(c) as follows:

The umpire boat for each match shall display blue or yellow **signal** ~~flags or shapes~~, each **signal** ~~flag or shape~~ indicating one outstanding penalty. When a boat has taken a penalty, or a penalty has been cancelled, one **signal** ~~flag or shape~~ shall be removed, with the appropriate sound signal. Failure of the umpires to signal correctly shall not change the number of penalties outstanding.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. Because of rule 25.3 the term flag is not correct anymore. A more general term should be used.
 2. For protests a flag will still be required to make the difference between red coloured objects and the protest signal.
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