

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules C2.10(a), D1.1(d)(1) & F20.4(a)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To make the additions to rule 20 in Appendices C, D and F consistent with rule 20.1, which permits a hail for room to tack to be made using words other than 'Room to tack'.

Proposal

In rule C2.10(a), rule D1.1(d)(1), and rule 20.4(a) in rule F2: remove the quotation marks around 'Room to tack', change the capital 'R' in 'Room' to a lower case 'r', and italicize the word 'room'. The result will be a change from

'Room to tack'

to

room to tack

For consistency, the same changes should be made in rule Q1.1(b)(1) in Addendum Q and, if needed, in any new rule for umpired fleet racing that adds hand signals to rule 20.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Under rule 20.1, a boat may hail for room to tack using any words she chooses provided that those words communicate that she needs room to tack (see rule 20.1 and Answer 4 in Case 54). Appendices C, D and F do not make any change in rule 20.1. Therefore, the same choice of words to hail should be available to a boat that hails for room to tack in a race sailed under the rules of one of those appendices.