

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Appendix D – Rule D2.2(b)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Proposal

#### **D2.2 Umpired Races**

Races to be umpired shall be identified either in the sailing instructions or by the display of flag U no later than the warning signal.

- (a) When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31, 42 or 44, she is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, when the protested boat fails either to acknowledge breaking a *rule* or to take the appropriate penalty, the protesting boat may request a decision by conspicuously displaying a yellow flag and hailing 'Umpire'.
- (b) An umpire shall signal a decision as follows:
  - (1) A green and white flag ~~or a green flag~~ means 'No penalty'.
  - (2) A red flag means 'One or more boats are penalized.' The umpire shall hail or signal to identify each boat to be penalized.

*[no change to the rest of the rule]*

#### Current Position

As above

#### Reason

A green flag, particularly if mid to dark green, can easily be mistaken for a black flag in many conditions or combinations of sunlight and sky colour. Also some people are red-green colour blind and have difficulty distinguishing between plain red and plain green. The signal should be unambiguous to competitors. Therefore the 'no penalty' signal should always be a green and white flag.

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