

Reporting Committee – Racing Rules

Other Committee – Race Officials

Mark Missing
Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 34

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

PROPOSAL:

34 MARK MISSING

When a *mark* is missing or out of position, the race committee shall, if possible,

- (a) replace it in its correct position or
- (b) substitute one of similar appearance, or ~~a buoy or vessel displaying flag M with repetitive sounds.~~
- (c) **Substitute an object displaying flag M and make sound signals there or nearby.**

CURRENT POSITION:

34 MARK MISSING

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- (b) substitute one of similar appearance, or a buoy or vessel displaying flag M with repetitive sounds.

REASON:

To turn the second part of current (b) into its own clause, as it is prefixed by 'or', as is the first part of current (b). The second part of current (b) is a little muddled. It implies that a substitute buoy has itself to make repetitive sound signals. 'Buoy or vessel' does not exactly coincide with the meaning of race signal M, which refers just to an 'object'. On a lake, this could also usefully include a post.