Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule L18.2

A submission from the Danish Sailing Association

Purpose or Objective

To clarify safety issues between the competitors, coaches and the organizing authority, and provide a consistent sailing instruction for this situation.

Proposal

Amendment of item 18.2 and new item 18.3 and 18.4 in RRS Appendix L (Sailing Instructions Guide) as follows:

18.2 **Boats not leaving the harbour for the day’s races shall inform the race office as soon as possible.** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [The boat shall complete a retirement declaration form at the protest desk on return ashore.] [DP]

18.3 **When signal flag V is displayed by the race committee, coaches and other support boats shall comply with any instruction given by the Race Committee or the Organizing Authority as assistance / rescue boats. The safety channel will be _____.**

18.4 **Under all circumstances, coaches and other support boats are expected to assist any boat in distress.**

Current Position

RRS Appendix L 18.2.

Reasons

1. For safety purposes, it is crucial for the race committee to know the number of boats which are, or can be expected to be, afloat on any given racing day.

2. In heavy weather, where boats e.g. may be capsizing, it is useful if coach boats are monitoring the competitors inside the race course area.