

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule L27

A submission from the Danish Sailing Association

Purpose or Objective

To clarify how VHF communication can be used by the race committee to inform competitors before and during races, and provide a consistent sailing instruction for this situation.

Proposal

Insert new item in RRS Appendix L (Sailing Instructions Guide) as follows:

27.2 The race committee may broadcast race information on VHF channel before and during each race. Failure of such communication to be given or received, or the order in which early starting boats are called, shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the race committee or [jury] [protest committee]. This changes RRS 62.1.

Current Position

There is no current position.

Reasons

1. VHF may be a valuable tool for a race committee to inform competitors before and during races, in particular in keelboat classes. Information which can be usefully broadcast include intentions of the race committee regarding e.g. schedule, course configuration, postponements, early starting boats, change of positions of marks etc.
 2. This submission provides a consistent setup for the approach to VHF communication from the race committee to competitors.
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