

**Racing Rules of Sailing**

**New TR Call M12**

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To create a permanent Team Racing Call based on Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2016-002 as required by World Sailing Regulation 28.3.7.

**Proposal**

Add new Call to the Team Racing Call Book.

**TR CALL M12**

**Rule D2.4      Signalling a Decision**

**Question 1**

There is an incident about which B protests Y and no boat takes a penalty. An umpire decides that Y broke a rule and should be penalized. He whistles, displays a green and white flag. Can the umpire correct his error by then displaying a red flag and penalizing Y?

**Answer 1**

No. An umpire has made a signal as required by rule D2.4 and the incident is closed. A further signal may be made only in accordance with rule D2.3.

**Question 2**

In a similar situation an umpire mistakenly penalizes B instead of Y. Can an umpire then penalize Y to offset his error?

**Answer 2**

No. See Answer 1.

**Question 3**

In a similar situation an umpire in one boat displays a green and white flag. Independently and at approximately the same time, an umpire in another boat penalizes Y for the same incident. What should the umpires do?

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**Answer 3**

Both signals comply with rule D2.4. A boat penalized by an umpire is required by rule D2.2(f) to take a two-turn penalty. The umpires should ensure that Y takes a Two-Turn Penalty.

**Question 4**

In a similar situation an umpire in one boat displays a green and white flag. Later those in another boat decide that Y has broken a rule; can they penalize Y?

**Answer 4**

No. See Answer 1.

*When an umpire has signalled a decision with a red or green & white flag, no umpire is permitted to cancel, change, or offset that decision.*

Current Position

Team Racing Rapid Response Call 2016-002, as proposal above.

Reason

The proposal clarifies the procedure that an umpire signal is final and cannot be corrected by that umpire or by any other umpire. It also emphasises that a boat must comply with an umpire signal, even if it is clearly not in accordance with established procedures.

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