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?
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.