Racing Rules of Sailing

Race Signals

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To include other common flags used in conducting races in race signals.

Proposal

The flags shown below be included in Race Signals.

Flag Orange • Note this flag may have the word START on it

When used in Appendix L it means the staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line.

Flag Blue (no sound) Note this flag may have the word FINISH on it

When used in Appendix L it means the staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line.

Flag D •

When used in Appendix L it means boats may leave the shore for the racing

Flag O - - - -

When used in Appendix P it means Rule P5.2(a) or P5.3(a) apply.

Flag R - - - -

When used in Appendix P it means Rule 5.2(b) or 5.3(b) apply.

Flag V - - - -

When used in Appendix L it means all official and support boats shall monitor the race committee radio channel for that racing area for search and rescue
instructions. The race committee will announce ‘Flag Victor’ using the designated VHF channel.

Current Position

These flags and their meaning are not included in Race Signals.

Reasons

1. These are commonly used signals and race managers and sailors would find it useful if these were included in Race Signals.
2. This would help give consistency in usage of these signals.