Racing Rules of Sailing

Race Signals Preamble

A submission from the Chairmen of the Race Officials Committee and the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To enable signals to refer to a fleet or course area.

Proposal

Change the preamble to Race Signals as follows:

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down (↑↓) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (•) means a sound; five short dashes (– – – – –) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, fleet flag, event flag or race area flag the signal applies only to that class, fleet, event or race area.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

In multi-fleet regattas, signals ashore often need to refer to a particular fleet (for instance when a class is split into yellow and blue fleets) or course area. This change enables that without needing to modify Race Signals Preamble in the sailing instructions.