Racing Rules of Sailing

Race Signals - N

A submission from the Peruvian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To have a clear interpretation of the Race Signals (Abandonment)

Proposal

N over H: All races that have started are abandoned, Further signals ashore.

N over A: All races that have started are abandoned, No more racing today.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Reason: The definition of racing is: A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finish line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signal a general recall, postponement or abandonment.

2. The only cases when the race Signals N, or N over H or N over A is to be hoisted is when the boats are racing, and not when the boats are ashore. As an example, in the last day of a regatta there is no wind and the Notice of Race states that the will be no warning signal after 16:00 hrs. The Race committee has to hoist AP over A and not N over A, the only reason is that the boats are not racing. By adding the wording “that have started”, Race Management will be the same all over the world.