Racing Rules of Sailing

Part 4 Preamble, Rule C2.12, Appendix L 4.3

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To add a common exception to the Part 4 preamble and reduce the exceptions to the Part 4 preamble in various other rules.

Proposal

1. Change the Part 4 Preamble as follows:

   Part 4 rules apply only to boats racing. However, rule 55 applies at all times when boats are on the water—unless the rule states otherwise.

2. Amend rule 55 as follows:

   55 TRASH DISPOSAL

   A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat.

3. Amend rule C2.12 as follows:

   Add to the preamble of Part 4—Rule 42 shall also apply between from the warning and preparatory signals until the boat stops racing.

4. Change L4.3 as follows:

   L4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

Current Position

As shown above.

Reasons

1. The preamble to Part 4 is changed when a Part 4 rule should apply when a boat is not racing. This is often the case when extending rule 40 to periods leading up to the start of a race and returning to shore after the race.

2. Moving the exception to rule 55 from the preamble to the rule itself makes it easier for readers to understand the full meaning of the rule.