Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 25

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

Re-arrange current text for rule 25 as 25.1 and 25.2 as below and insert new 25.3

**25 NOTICE OF RACE, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS**

**25.1** The notice of race and sailing instructions shall be made available to each boat before a race begins.

**25.2** The meanings of the visual and sound signals stated in Race Signals shall not be changed except under rule 86.1(b). The meanings of any other signals that may be used shall be stated in the sailing instructions.

**25.3** A race committee may display a visual signal, referred to in the rules as ‘a flag’, by any appropriate method.

Current Position

Rule 25.

Reason

Some race officials believe a flag signal (for example ‘flag C’) can only be a flag and not the shape and colour of the flag on a board, drum or other device. The important requirement is that the signal is clear to competitors and the race officials should use the best available display method for the prevailing conditions.

This submission is one of three on this subject and they are inter-related