Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 33

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

33 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signalling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.

(a) If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and either

(1) the new compass bearing or

(2) a green triangular flag or board triangle for a change to starboard or a red rectangular flag or board rectangle for a change to port.

(b) If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a ‘–’ if the length will be decreased or a ‘+’ if it will be increased.

(c) Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling to maintain the course shape.

Current Position

As above

Reason

To make the rule consistent with Race Signals and to make rule 33(a)(2) consistent with rule 33(b). The use of the words ‘flag or board’ implies that other methods of displaying the signal, for example on a drum, cannot be used.

This submission and the RYA submissions to change Race Signals and rule 25 are on the same subject and are inter-related.