Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 48

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To incorporate IRPCAS rule 10 into the RRS.

Proposal

48   FOG SIGNALS AND LIGHTS; TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES

As required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or applicable government rules:

(a) When safety requires, a boat shall sound fog signals and show lights; as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or applicable government rules.

(b) a boat shall comply with the rules for traffic separation schemes (IRPCAS 10).

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Currently it is necessary for race organisers to include compliance with IRPCAS 10, Traffic Separation Schemes, in the sailing instructions.

Rule 48 is in Part 4 of the RRS and applies only to boats that are racing. IRPCAS rule 10 applies by international law to all boats that manoeuvre in a traffic separation scheme.