Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule C6.3

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Include a commonly used Sailing Instruction into Appendix C.

Proposal

Amend C6.3 as follows:

A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, before she finishes or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. For years many events used this clause, which is in the WS Standard Match Racing Sailing Instructions.

2. This change allows a boat that has just finished to then seek redress. There are issues that a boat should be allowed to seek redress on that only become evident after a boat has finished. For example, if the Race Committee award the race to the other boat that crossed the finish line behind the first boat, then that first boat would only become aware of the incident after she has finished (but would still be in the finishing area).