

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule D1.1(d)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To simplify the words and conform to standard RRS practice.

To create consistency about who can make arm signals required by rule 20.

This submission contains 2 independent proposals to change rule D1.1(d).

Proposal 1

Amend rule D1.1(d) as follows:

D1.1 Definitions and the Rules of Parts 2 and 4

- (a) *[no change]*
- (b) *[no change]*
- (c) *[no change]*
- (d) **When stated in the sailing instructions, rule 20 is changed so that** ~~When rule 20 applies~~ the following arm signals by the helmsman are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

~~Sailing instructions may delete this requirement.~~

No further changes.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Arm signals are not required in many team racing events in dinghies. The hail is mandatory and it will be rare in these events that a hail cannot be heard by the boat(s) required to give room.
 2. Arm signals complicate the making of a hail. They increase the burden on the competitors and umpires and the risk of a hail being invalid. Team racing call M10 refers.
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3. Sailing instructions conventionally state when optional rules in the RRS are to apply, not when they do not apply.

Proposal 2

Amend rule D1.1(d) as follows:

D1.1 Definitions and the Rules of Parts 2 and 4

- (d) When rule 20 applies the following arm signals ~~by the helmsman~~ are required in addition to the hails:
- (1) for *room* to tack, ~~repeatedly and~~ clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', ~~repeatedly and~~ clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Sailing instructions may delete this requirement.

No further changes.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Rule 20 does not restrict the hail to the helmsman and there is no need to restrict who makes the arm signal. The person who hails should always be able to make the arm signal. In many cases the clearest arm signal will be able to be made by another crew member, and the rule should not prevent this. The current restriction is unnecessary and can mean some arm signals, though clearly made, are invalid.
2. The word 'repeatedly' is redundant. 'Clearly' includes repeating the signal if necessary.

Clean copy if both proposals are approved

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No further changes.