Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule E2.1(c)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To permit hails in a local language when appropriate.

Proposal

Amend rule E2.1 as follows:

E2.1 Hailing Requirements

(a) A hail shall be made so that the competitors to whom the hail is directed might reasonably be expected to hear it.

(b) The individual digits of a boat’s sail number shall be hailed; for example ‘one five’, not ‘fifteen’.

(c) When permitted by the prescriptions of the national authority or stated in the sailing instructions, hails and responses by boats, competitors and race officials may be made in a local language of the venue.

Current Position

As above

Reason

Rule 20 and several rules in appendix E require hails in the English language. At local events when all competitors will understand the local language, this is unnecessary and does not encourage participation by new competitors.