Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix D – Rule D2.2(b)(2)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

D2.2 Umpired Races

Races to be umpired shall be identified either in the sailing instructions or by the display of flag U no later than the warning signal.

(a) [no change]

(b) An umpire shall signal a decision as follows:

(1) A green and white flag or a green flag with one long sound means ‘No penalty’.

(2) A red flag with one long sound means ‘One or more boats are penalized.’ The umpire shall hail or signal to identify each boat to be penalized.

(c) [no change]

(d) PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES

An umpire may take action without a protest by another boat when

(1) a boat breaks rule 31 or 42, or a rule of Part 2 through contact with another boat on her team, and does not take a penalty;

(2) a boat fails to comply with rule D2.2(c);

(3) a boat commits a breach of sportsmanship;

(4) a boat breaks rule 14 when damage or injury may have been caused; or

(5) a boat or her team gains an advantage despite taking a penalty.

The umpire may impose a penalty of one or more turns, each including one tack and one gybe, signalled by displaying a red flag and hailing the boat accordingly, or report the incident to the protest committee, signalled by displaying a black flag, or both. The signal shall be made with one long sound.

Current Position

As above

Reason
To correct an omission in the current rule and comply with standard umpiring practice that a sound signal is required to draw attention to the display of an umpire decision.