

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule D2.2(d)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Proposal

#### **D2.2 Umpired Races**

*[no change to sub-paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) of the rule]*

(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 **D**, or both.

#### Current Position

As above

#### Reason

In team racing, a black flag indicates the umpire's intention to protest. This meaning is completely different to the meaning of a black flag in all other disciplines of the sport and is often misunderstood by competitors.

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