Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 48.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To make the RRS compliant with the requirements for fog signals and lights in the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

Proposal

48.1 When safety requires, a boat shall sound fog signals and show lights as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or applicable government rules.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

IRPCAS rules 25 and 35 (amongst others) set out the requirements for all vessels to make sound signals and show lights in the conditions set out therein. The words "when safety requires" permit an interpretation that may be different from the IRPCAS.

This submission is supported by the Chairman of the ISAF International Regulations Commission.