Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix P

A submission from the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation

Purpose or Objective

To remove ambiguity from the signalling

Proposal

Amend rule P5(a) as follows:

(a) If the class rules permit pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds a specified limit, the race committee may signal that those actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O no later than the preparatory signal and removing it no earlier than the starting signal.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Existing rule does not define clear enough when to display the O flag and when to remove it - especially when there are several successive fleets racing, with different class rules conditions for O flag.

2. According to current wording Race Committee can display flag O for e.g. 20 s and remove it and limitations of rule 42 are waived.

3. The aim is to have wording which requires both displaying the flag O at certain time AND keeping it visible certain time in order to "switch off" rule 42.

4. By displaying the flag no later than the preparatory signal instead of warning signal back to back starts at 5 min intervals are enabled through a time slot of around one minute. With this proposed wording there is no need to remove the flag at starting signal and simultaneously not to display it at warning signal.