Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule E1.5

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

E1.5 Aerials

If the transmitter aerial is longer than, or capable of extension beyond, 200 mm the extremity shall be adequately protected at all times.

Transmitter aerial extremities shall be adequately protected. When a protest committee finds that a competitor has broken this rule it shall either warn him and give him time to comply or penalize him.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. With the introduction and now widespread use of 2.4Ghz radio systems a significant number of transmitter aerials are short and stubby. These no longer present a danger to eyes that traditional AM and FM systems presented. With current 2.4Ghz aerials typically about 100mm long, the proposed 200mm limit will provide adequate protection should other brands come on the market.

2. As this is a safety issue it is best that a penalty be given. The current wording provides for alternatives which should not be an option.