Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules E3.5, E3.7

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

E3.5 Starting Races, Starting and Finishing Lines

(a) Rule 26 is changed to

Audible signals for starting a heat shall be at one-minute intervals and shall be a warning signal, a preparatory signal and a starting signal. During the minute before the starting signal, additional oral signals shall be made at ten-second intervals, and during the final ten seconds at one-second intervals. Each signal shall be timed from the beginning of its sound.

(b) The starting and finishing lines shall be tangential to, and on the course side of, the starting and finishing marks.

Delete rule E3.7 and renumber rules E3.8 to E3.10 accordingly.

Current Position

Rules E3.5 to E3.10.

Reason

1. The starting signals have already been defined in the first sentence and it is necessary to include the detailed calls as part of the full start sequence.

2. Current E3.7 to be deleted and its content moved to more logical position.