Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule E3.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To simplify and clarify the rule.

Proposal

E3.6 General Recall

Rule 29.2 is changed to:

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may hail and repeat as appropriate ‘General recall’ and make two loud sounds. The warning signal for a new start will normally be made shortly thereafter.

(a) The race committee may signal a general recall when it cannot identify boats on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure.

(b) A general recall shall be signalled by hailing ‘General recall’ and making two sound signals.

(c) The warning signal for the new start will be made shortly thereafter.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. The above proposal breaks down the material into its three essential and different elements and presents them more clearly than the current text.

2. The words "at the starting signal" at the beginning of the existing rule are deleted to avoid the interpretation that the identification has to be at that time.

3. The effect of clause (b) is no longer buried in the other text. The words ‘and repeat as appropriate’ are deleted as a consequence of approved submission 192-18 (proposal 1).