Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule E3.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

After a general recall, to revert to commencing the new starting sequence with the warning signal.

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 preparatory warning signal for a new start will normally be made shortly thereafter.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

In most radio sailing, race committees use the standard general recall procedure in rule 29.2 and start the sequence again with a new warning signal. Therefore this proposal reinstates the rule as it was until 2013 when it was amended for Appendix E by submission 213-10.

Restarting the procedure with the preparatory signal means that, when the preparatory signal initiates the Black Flag or other penalty rule, the competitors get no warning that this rule will apply.

By changing this rule the starting procedure reverts to the default position general throughout sailing.

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