

Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix P, rule P1.2

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Improving a long time wording to cover situations that are usual on the water.

Proposal

P1.2 **If an observer appointed under rule P1.1 who sees decides that a boat breaking has broken rule 42, the boat may be penalized by, as soon as reasonably possible, displaying a yellow flag, making a one long sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and clearly identifying her by hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident.**

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. The addition of the words 'decides that a boat has broken rule 42' disconnects the decision to penalize from the signalling action. This allows for a penalty to be relayed to another observer if needed and for two observers to share the signalling actions within a jury boat.
2. At many events, boats do not have sail numbers but are identified by other identifiers such as bow numbers, competition numbers or country codes. This proposal reduces the need to change this rule in sailing instructions when such identifiers are used.