

Case Book

new case

A submission from the German Sailing Federation (Deutscher Segler-Verband)

Purpose or Objective

Add a new case to deal with situations where not all additional requirements for hails for room to tack are met.

Proposal

Case XXX

Rule 2 Fair Sailing

Rule 20.4 Additional Requirements for Hails

Rule F2 20.5 Arm Signals

Rule MR 1.1(c)

Rule UF 1.4

Additional Requirements for Hails for Room to Tack

Question 1

Rule F2 20.5, MR 1.1(c) or UF 1.4 apply, or a rule in the Notice of Race of a fleet racing event (as permitted under rule 20.4(b)) requires clear and repeated arm signals, in addition to hails. If there is an arm signal but no hail from A,

- a) how should the protest committee or umpires decide if B protests?
- b) if the race is umpired, what action should the umpires take on their own initiative?

Answer 1

- a) When the protest committee or umpires are convinced that no hail for room to tack was made, then the signal for room to tack has not been made (see rules FMS 1.1, MR 1.1(b) and UF 1.2 for umpired fleet races). For the purpose of the rules of Part 2 they should act as if there has been no signal. (The umpires may be certain there was no hail if they have had no difficulty hearing other calls from a similar position.)
- b) The umpires may decide that A has committed a breach of sportsmanship and penalize her in accordance with rules FMS 3.4(c) or (d), MR 4.1(d) or (e), and UF3.4(a)(4). They could also, in an extreme or repeated case, report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If the race is not umpired and the protest is heard by the protest committee, it may accordingly decide that A has broken rule 2 and disqualify her.

Question 2

If there is a hail but no arm signal, is the answer the same?

Answer 2

Yes.

Question 3

Rule F2 20.5, MR 1.1(c) or UF 1.4 do not apply and neither does a rule in the Notice of Race of a fleet racing event require any alternative communication under rule 20.4(b). However, the conditions are such that a hail may not be heard but the boat hailing or the boat being hailed fails to also make a signal that clearly indicates her need for room to tack or her response. Is the answer the same as to Question 1?

Answer 3

Yes, rule 20.4(a) requires the boat to make a signal that clearly indicates her need for room to tack or her response. See Case 54 for further interpretation of requirements for hails and signals and their timing in rule 20.

Note: See Match Racing Call M3 and Team Racing Call M10 for authoritative interpretations of rules C2.10 (20.4(a)) and C8.3 respectively rules D1.1 and D2.3 for the same questions.

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Current Position

None. The proposed case is new.

Reasons

1. While there are authoritative interpretations for the situation concerned in match and team racing, there is none for kiteboard and (umpired) fleet racing.
 2. The situation is equally relevant for kiteboards and (umpired) fleet racing and requires an authoritative interpretation.
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