

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Appendix E – Rule E1.3 (b)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

In radio-sailing hails for room to tack are frequent as boats approach the bank. Especially when the fleet reaches the bank soon after the start, several incidents may occur at the same time. In order that boats may respond promptly, it is essential that the person controlling the boat that requires room to tack identify the hailing boat. Hails need to be brief and precise so as not interfere with other hails.

#### Proposal

Change Rule E1.3(b)

- (b) Hails under rules 20.1 and 20.3 shall include the **sail number of the hailing boat followed by the words 'room' and 'tack' 'room to tack'** and the sail number of the ~~hailing boat, in any order.~~

#### Current Position

See above

#### Reasons

1. This proposal requires the person controlling a boat to clearly identify the boat that is hailing for room.
  2. All required hails in radio sailing follow the convention 'hailing boat's sail number + message'. This can be followed by supplementary information such as the hailed boat's sail number.
  3. The current rule does not prescribe the order in which the hail must be made only that it shall include the words 'room and 'tack' and the sail number of the hailing boat, in any order. This can be confusing, especially for non-native speakers of English. The proposed hail has been applied in umpired radio sailing for several years. The proposed wording repeats the wording of the test rule for umpired radio sailing.
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