

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule L5.4

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To make a sailing instruction more helpful to competitors.

Proposal

- 5.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for **five** ~~at least four~~ minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

To remove the race committee's option of being able to display the orange flag for any amount of time greater than or equal to four minutes and, instead, to require that it be displayed in a consistent manner from event to event. To provide a precisely timed signal that will be more helpful to competitors in determining the time remaining to the starting signal.
