

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule L5.4

A submission from the Hellenic Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

Consistency of race management practices.

Proposal

Amend L5.4 as follows:

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

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The use of the same practice in all the starts promotes consistency. Furthermore, the term “long” can be interpreted in different ways, leading to an inconsistent application of the Sailing Instruction.
 2. The use of the orange flag system to alert the boat that a starting sequence is about to begin, is a courtesy to the sailors and the coaches on the support boats
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