

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 27.2 or New Rule C2.14

A SUBMISSION FROM THE ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION

Purpose or Objective

To extend the time from when the race committee is not permitted to move a starting mark.

Proposal 1

Insert new rule C2.14 and re-number accordingly:

C2.14 Rule 27.2 is changed to:

27.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee may move a starting mark.

Proposal 2

Amend rule 27.2 as follows:

~~27.2 No later than the warning preparatory signal, the race committee may move a starting mark.~~

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Proposal 1 would mean the race committee cannot move the starting pin mark or the committee boat in the last minute before the entry. At present, in match racing, the race committee can move the marks at the same time as the boats are entering the "H". Such an incident has occurred in GBR and the RYA believes it obvious that such an action should not be permitted. Amending the rule for match racing is appropriate to make this clear.
 2. ~~Proposal 2 would change the position for all forms of racing (sailing instructions could then alter it a different position if needed). The RYA considers that it is questionable whether it is fair to boats preparing for a start to move a starting mark once the warning signal has been displayed. There is nothing to alert boats to the fact the mark may have been moved.~~
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