

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule D1.2(c)

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

Purpose or Objective

Removing a loophole in the requirement of displaying a red flag when requesting redress

Proposal

D1.2 Protests and Requests for Redress

- (c) **When rule D2 applies or the hull length of the boat requesting redress is 6 metres or more:**

The boat requesting redress for an incident in the racing area shall **conspicuously** display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. She shall display the red flag until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire.

Current Position

as above

Reasons

1. There is a loophole in the current rules for the situation that races are not umpired in accordance with rule D2 and if the hull length of the boat requesting redress is less than 6 metres.
 2. If the race is not umpired so that rule D2.2(a) does not apply and the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she does not need to display a red flag to protest. (Rule D1.2(b) does not change the obligation to display it or not but only the time frame for the display). However, if the same boat requests redress, rule D1.2(c) requires her to display a red flag – even if she is not obliged to do so when protesting.
 3. The proposed change limits the application of rule D1.2(c) to umpired races or boats with a hull length of 6 metres or more.
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