

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule E2.1(c)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To permit hails in a local language when appropriate.

Proposal

Amend rule E2.1 as follows:

E2.1 Hailing Requirements

- (a) A hail shall be made so that the competitors to whom the hail is directed might reasonably be expected to hear it.
- (b) The individual digits of a boat's sail number shall be hailed; for example 'one five', not 'fifteen'.
- (c) **When permitted by the prescriptions of the national authority or stated in the sailing instructions, hails and responses by boats, competitors and race officials may be made in a local language of the venue.**

Current Position

As above

Reason

Rule 20 and several rules in appendix E require hails in the English language. At local events when all competitors will understand the local language, this is unnecessary and does not encourage participation by new competitors.
