



GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Munster Championships

Killaloe Sailing Club

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Killaloe Sailing Club (KSC) in association with GP14 Class Association of Ireland.

2. RULES

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).

2.2. The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

2.3. The rules of the GP14 Class Association will apply.

2.4. The abbreviation "NP" describes Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a)

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the top of the stairs beside the boatshed. A QR code to join the event WhatsApp will also be located on this board or follow links on the event webpage to join.

<https://www.killaloesailingclub.com/gp14munsters>

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast by the green shed.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS race signal AP

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. A Competitor's Briefing will take place at 11:00 on Saturday 20th April outside Killaloe Sailing Club.

6.2. Six races are scheduled over 2 days.

6.3. Saturday 20th April. Warning signal at 12:00. Up to 4 races to follow.

6.4. Sunday 21st April. Warning signal 11:00. Remaining races to complete the schedule of

racing.

6.5. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

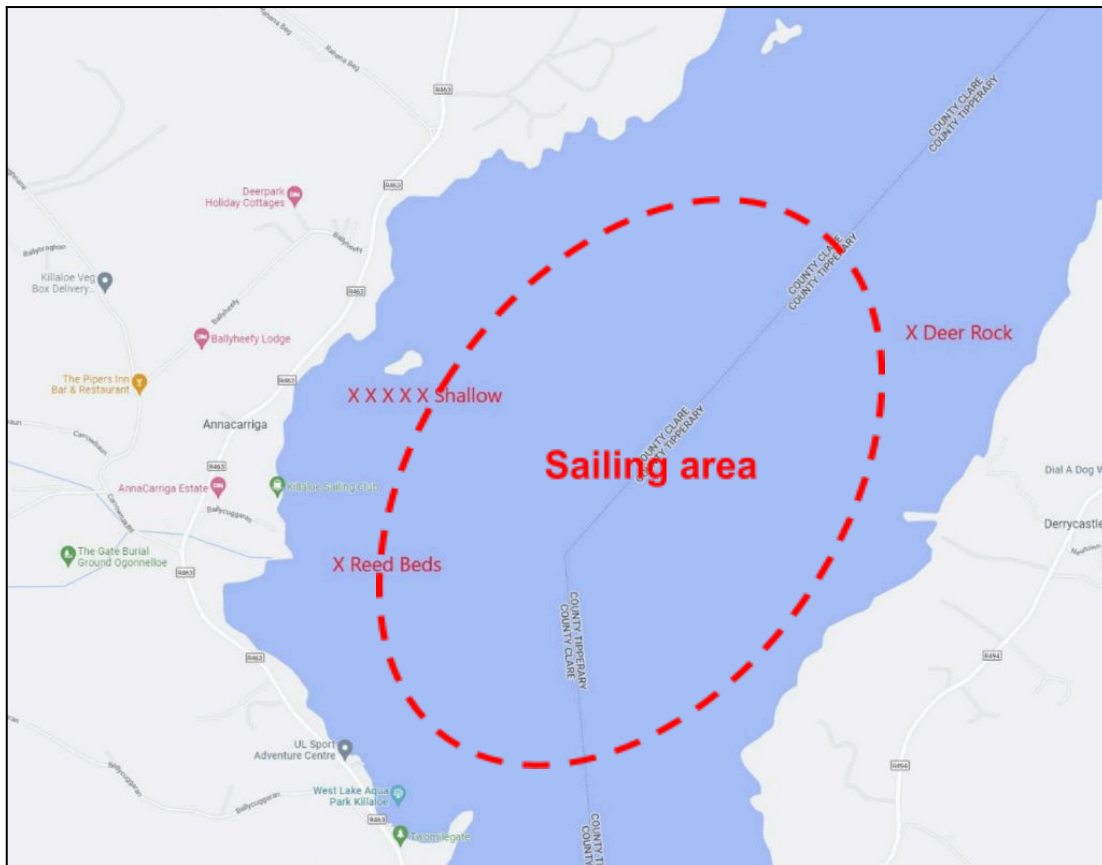
6.6. On Sunday 21st April, no warning signal for a race will be made after 15:30 except for postponements after a warning signal made by 15:30.

7. **CLASS FLAG**

7.1. The class flag will be the GP 14 Class Flag with 'Bell' insignia.

8. **RACING AREA:**

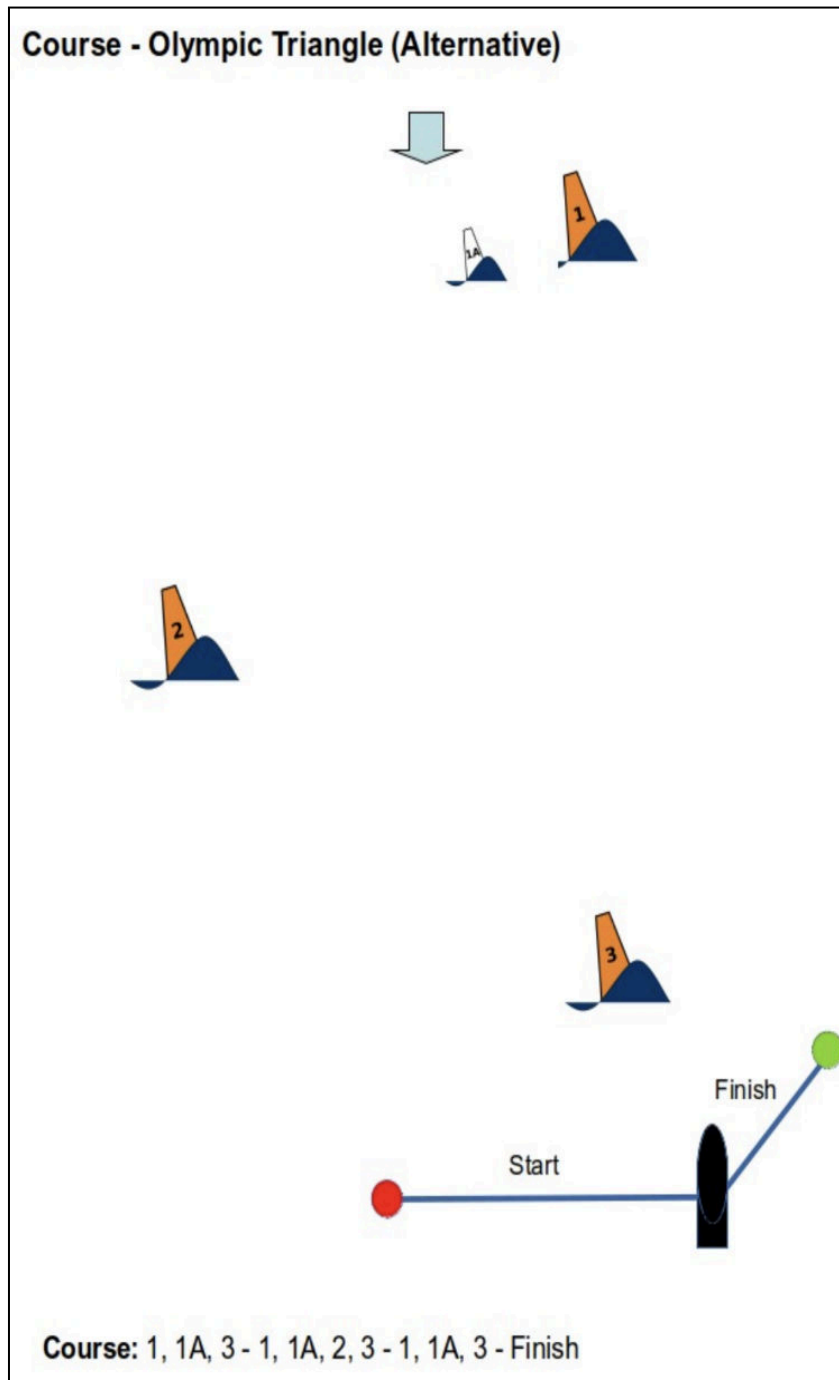
8.1. The racing area will be adjacent to Killaloe Sailing Club



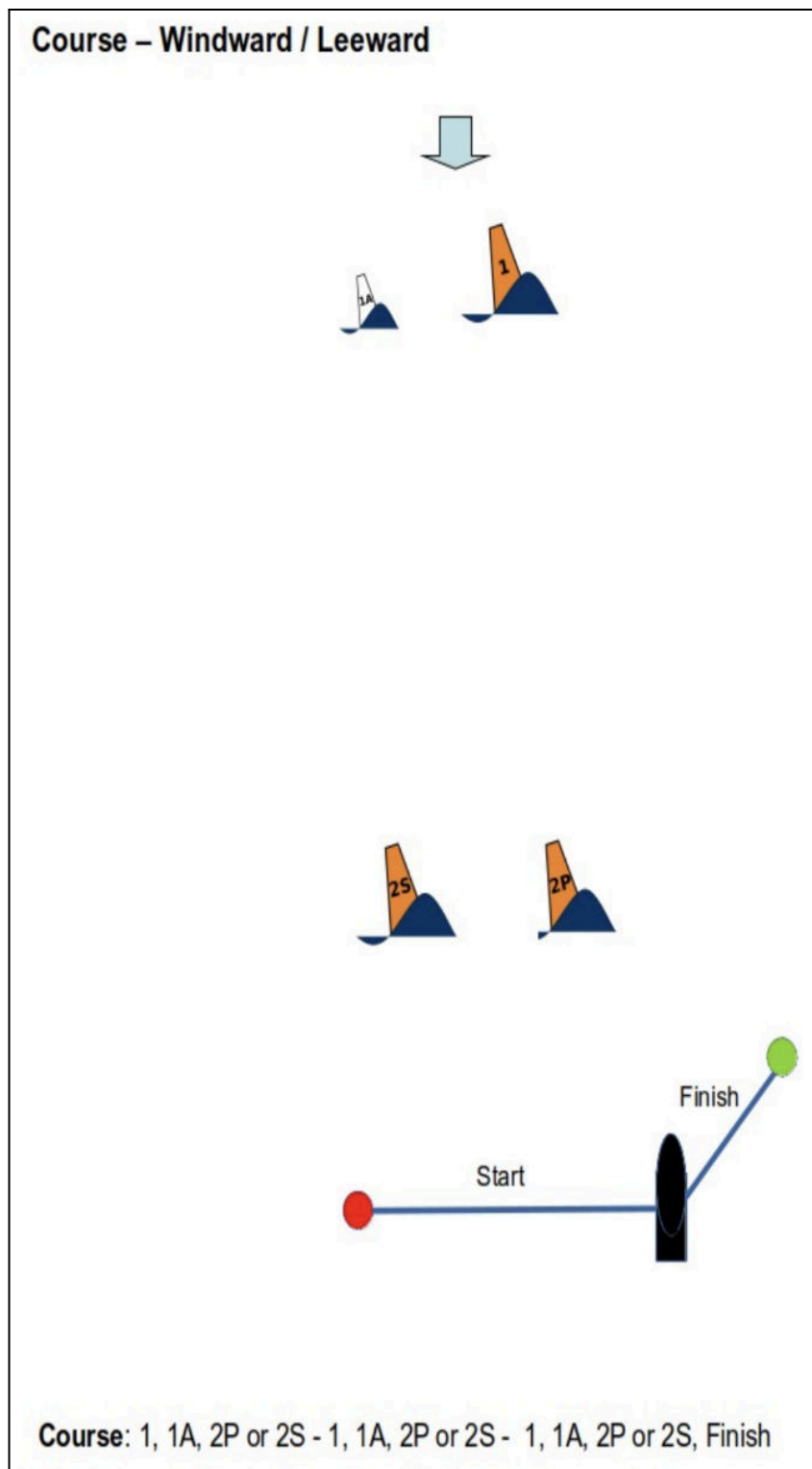
9. THE COURSE

9.1. All marks shall be left to port. Positions of marks are approximate

9.2. Code flag O - Olympic (Alternative) - marks to be rounded as indicated in the course diagram, marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3 to be left to port.



- 9.3. **Code flag W - Windward / Leeward** - marks to be rounded as indicated in the course diagram. Marks 1, and 1A to be left to port. Marks 2P/2S are a gate



10. MARKS

- 10.1.** The Racing Marks, 1, 2 & 3 will be orange pyramidal inflatable buoys. The spreader mark 1A will be described at the briefing.

11. THE START

- 11.1.** The starting line will be between the red and white striped pole on the race committee vessel flying an orange flag at the starboard end and the start mark at the port end. The start mark will be defined at the briefing.
- 11.2.** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1.** Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 33

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1.** The finish line will be between the red and white striped pole on the committee boat - flying a Blue flag, and the finish mark. The finish mark will be described at the briefing.
- 13.2.** When the Blue Flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction, except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI shall be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

- 14.1.** In addition to RRS 32, when a Race Committee vessel displaying code flag F, making repeated sound signals, is positioned adjacent to a mark of the course, boats, having rounded that mark, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. This changes RRS 32.2 and 33.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1.** The time limit for the first boat to finish a race is 75 minutes.
- 15.2.** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 15.3.** In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) code flag E with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1.** Hearing request forms are available at the race office located in the main hall of the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2.** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3.** Notices will be posted on the official notice board (as described in 3.1) and the event whatsapp group within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room (clubhouse main hall).
- 16.4.** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)
- 16.5.** On the last scheduled day of racing, a Request for Redress based on a Protest Committee

decision, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

- 16.6. RRS Appendix T - Arbitration will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS (NP)

- 18.1. All competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the £ Sterling equivalent.

20. PRIZES

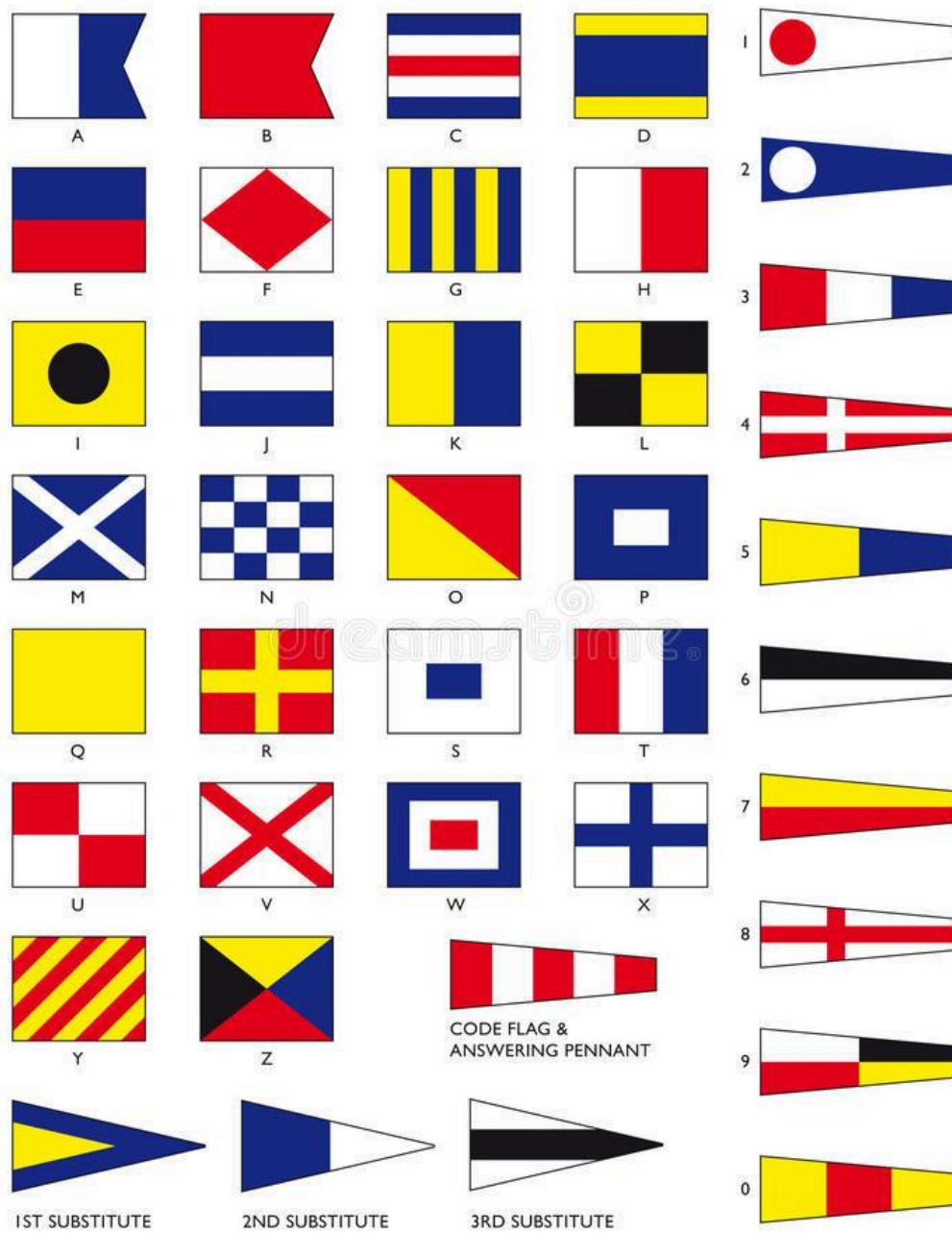
- 20.1. The Championship prize giving will take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of racing.
- 20.2. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. The Perpetual Trophies remain the property of the GP14 Class Association of Ireland.
- 20.3. Keepsake Prizes may be awarded to the following:
- Gold Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall
 - Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall
 - Bronze Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall
 - Youth Fleet: 1st place overall

21. RISK STATEMENT:

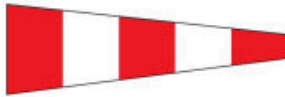
- 21.1. RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: **“The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”** Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 21.2. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 21.3. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 21.4. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 21.5. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 21.6. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 21.7. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

APPENDIX A

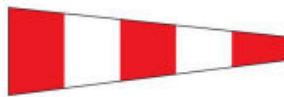
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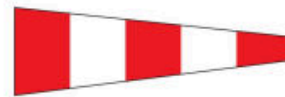
Postponement Signals



AP Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.



AP over H Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.



AP over A Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.

AP over a Numeral Pennant 1-9

Postponement of 1-9 hours from the scheduled starting time.



Pennant 1 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 2 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 3 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 4 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 5 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 6 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 7 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 8 ↑•• ↓•



Pennant 9 ↑•• ↓•

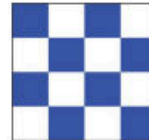
Abandonment Signals



N All races that have started are *abandoned*. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.



N over H All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.



N over A All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

Safety



V Monitor communication channel for safety instructions (see rule 37).

Preparatory Signals



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P Preparatory signal.



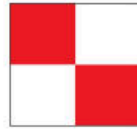
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I Rule 30.1 is in effect.



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Z Rule 30.2 is in effect.



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U Rule 30.3 is in effect.



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Black flag. Rule 30.4 is in effect.

Recall Signals



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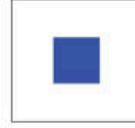
X Individual recall.



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First Substitute General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

Shortened Course



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S The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

Changing the Next Leg



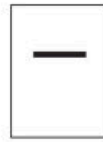
C The position of the next *mark* has been changed:



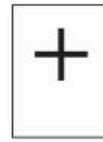
to starboard;



to port;



to decrease the length of the leg;



to increase the length of the leg.

Other Signals



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L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



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Y Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).



(no sound)

Orange flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the starting line.



(no sound)

Blue flag. The staff displaying this flag is one end of the finishing line.