

Meaning of a signal "AP over H"?

QUESTION from a reader;

>Please, explain to me, whether is meaning of a signal "AP over H" - besides that is written in the book of rules - all must immediately go on beach. I hoist this signal from safety reasons. But yachts remain on water - to train. Sailors: "About Signals ashore we will be informed by the coach, we will wait here".

>Whether it means that in the SI it is necessary to stipulate a special flag: "Immediately follow on the beach" (a RUS RO)

ANSWER by the blog editor;

(1) Flag "AP over H" means "Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore." The signal essentially expects all sailors to return to shore, but there is under no obligation to return.

(2) In the IODA World, European, North American and Asian Championships, there are Sailing Instructions as a reference for "safety Regulations", which say as follows;

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.3 When code flag B is displayed ashore each Coach or Team Leader shall sign a checklist at the Race Committee Office within 45 minutes after the flag has been displayed, to indicate that all team members have returned to shore. Flag B will be displayed when the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race is abandoned. All team members may be penalised at the discretion of the Jury for each race of the day on which the Coach or Team Leader failed to comply with this instruction. This changes rule 63.1.

(3) Defects in the SI 20.3;

The code flag B encourages sailors to return to shore. But there are three defects in the SI.

1. Defect one;

Flag B will be able to display when the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race is abandoned.

In case of the question, the RC displays "AP over H" and the race is postponed, but not abandoned. Therefore, if sailors want to wait on the water, they will not break any rules and SIs and can remain on the water.

2. Defect two;

The SIs is written on the assumption that there are minimum two coaches who are on the water and on the shore. If only one coach is on the water, it is impossible to see the flag B ashore. Then the SIs is not considerate of small teams.

3. Defect three;

"Flag B will be displayed when the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race is abandoned." Even if the race is abandoned and "only" flag N is displayed under rule 30 or 32.1, the RC has to display flag B under SI 20.3, although the RC intends to new start. Because the word "will" in the Sis

means the intention of the RC (Appendix L). When "N over H" or "N over A" is display, displaying flag B is proper.

(4) My proposal;

The amended SIs will supplement these three defects and must ensure safety.

20.3 When code flag B is displayed on the race committee boat and ashore each Coach or Team Leader shall sign a checklist at the Race Committee Office within 45 minutes after the flag has been displayed, to indicate that all team members have returned to shore. Flag B will may be displayed when the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race any race is abandoned or any race is postponed. All team members may be penalised at the discretion of the Jury for each race of the day on which the Coach or Team Leader failed to comply with this instruction. This changes rule 63.1.

Attached Copy of IODA North American Championship SIs