

July 9, 2011: Race Committee Tricks. Just came back from the US Sailing Area A Bemis qualifiers in Newport, RI. The race committee did a great job given the conditions. They were very good to broadcasting their intentions over the radio so that coaches could help pass along the information before each race (of course up to the prep signal). The other thing they did was fly code flag "A" at the end of racing each day. The RRS have provisions to signify the end of racing for the day. I have seen too often a kid ask the RC whether this is the last race or not only to be given wrong information from someone on the RC boat; in all cases by mistake. But the flag system makes it clear to all the racing is done and sends a single message from the RC boat. It is a good practice to do if the RC wants to ensure fair races for all competitors. So as the regatta season starts in earnest this weekend with the New Bedford Jr Regatta, all RCs should consider using this options. Just my thoughts!