

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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These sailing instructions change the definition Finish, Proper Course, Start and rules 20, 28.2, 29, 30, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70 and 78.3.

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5.

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Parts 2, 3 and 4

(a) The definition Finish is changed to

A boat finishes when any part of her hull, crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not finished if after crossing the finishing line she

- a) takes a penalty under rule 44.2,
- b) corrects an error under rule 28.2 made at the line, or
- c) continues to sail the course.

(b) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.'

(c) The definition Start is changed to

A boat starts when, having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line in the direction of the first mark.

(d) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

(e) For the purpose of rules 29 and 30, only the hull has to be on the pre-start side of the starting line. (This changes RRS 29 and 30)

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

(a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while racing.'

(b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4.'

(c) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

(d) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

- Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.
- Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is only entitled to a hearing if the umpires acknowledge her protest by displaying a "J" flag. A boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.
- Q2.3 After the finish the race committee will announce by VHF each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.
- Q2.4 A boat intending to
- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
 - (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
 - (c) request redress or
 - (d) protest a boat after the umpires have answered their protest with a "J" flag.
- shall hail or contact by VHF the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.
- Q2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

- Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:
- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
 - (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
 - (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
 - (d) A "J" flag with one long sound signal means 'the umpires do not have the facts required to make a decision'.
- Q3.2
- (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.
 - (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

- Q4.1 When a boat
- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
 - (b) breaks rule 42,
 - (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
 - (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or

(f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

Q4.2 (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.

(b) When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c).

Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

Q5.3 (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.

(b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

(c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.

Q5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.