

### **U.1.Changes to Racing Rules**

These sailing instructions change the definition *proper course* and rules 17, 20, 28.2, 44, 60 – 66. Additional changes to rules are made in instructions U2 – 5.

#### U1.1. Changes to definitions and the rules of part 2 and part 4;

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.'
- (b) Add new rule 8: LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY  
The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed
- (c) Rule 17 is deleted
- (d) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
  - (i) For 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
  - (ii) For 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

#### U1.2. 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 in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while racing, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.'
- (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions U2.1 and U2.3.'
- (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 attachment.

### **U.2.Protests and Requests for Redress By Boats**

- U2.1. While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; 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.
- U2.2. A boat that protests as provided in instruction U2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.
- U2.3. A boat intending to
  - (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction U3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in instruction U2.1,
  - (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
  - (c) request redressshall hail the race committee as soon as possible after finishing
- U2.4. The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction U2.3.

### **U.3.Umpire Signals and Imposed Penalties**

- U3.1. 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 or black and white flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
- U3.2.
  - (a) A boat penalized under instruction U3.1(b) shall take a Two-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2
  - (b) A boat disqualified under instruction U3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

### **U.4.Penalties and Protests Initiated By an Umpire.**

- U4.1. When a boat
  - (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty.
  - (b) breaks rule 42 or SI L 2.16, L2.17, L 2.18 or 2.19, or SI A2.2 or A6.2
  - (c) commits a breach of sportsmanship, including but not limited to deliberately breaking a rule, or gains an advantage despite taking a penalty.
  - (d) Fails to comply with instruction U3.2 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 in accordance with rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction U3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction U3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction U4.1(d) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled

- U4.2. The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to 'She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next mark or finished.' A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under instruction U3.1(c).
- U4.3. 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 U3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction U2.1 or U4.1 while racing, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, they will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- U4.4. An umpire may penalise a boat for a breach of rule 14 in accordance with Attachment X.

#### **U.5. Protests; Requests for Redress or Reopening; Appeals; Other Proceedings**

- U5.1. No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.
- U5.2. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'
- U5.3.
- (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.
- U5.4. The race committee will not protest a boat.
- U5.5. The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction U3.2(a) or rule 28, a rule listed in instruction U2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.