

Series Notice of Race

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Attachment U – Umpired Fleet Racing

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This attachment changes RRS 17, 28.2, 31, 41, 43.1, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 70 and definition 'proper course' and is based on World Sailing Appendix UF; version May 2021.

U1. CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

U1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

U1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 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.'

U1.3 When Rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

(a) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and

(b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

U1.4 Rule 17 is deleted.

U2. CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

U2.1 The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to 'A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*. A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under rule U5.1(c).'

U2.2 Rule 31 is replaced with 'While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.'

U2.3 Add to RRS 41: '(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided that the return onboard is at the approximate location of the recovery.'

U2.4 Rule 43.1(a) is amended so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this attachment.

U3. ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

U3.1 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty 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. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31.'

U3.2 On Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

(a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 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.

(b) A boat that protests as provided in rule U3.2(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily 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 penalty voluntarily.

U4. 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

(c) breaks a rule identified within the Sailing Instructions as subject to an Umpire Initiated Penalty.

(d) commits a breach of sportsmanship, including but not limited to deliberately breaking a rule, or gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,

(e) fails to comply with rule U5.2 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 rule U5.1(b), or disqualify her under rule U5.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule U4.1(e) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

U4.2 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 rule U5.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule U3.2(a), 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.

U4.3 An umpire may penalise a boat for a breach of Rule 14 in accordance with Attachment X.

U5. Umpire Signals

U5.1 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.

U5.2 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule U5.1(b) shall take a Two-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule U5.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

U6. PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

U6.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

U6.2 Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she has complied with rule U3.2(a) and U6.3

U6.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule U5.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule U3.2(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail and inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing.

U6.4 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule U6.3.

U6.5 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

U6.6 The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: 'When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'

U6.7

- (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 scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.

U6.8 The race committee will not protest a boat

U6.9 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule U3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule U3.2(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

U6.10 Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A party to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'