



**FINN OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013**  
**JUNIOR FINN OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013**  
19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Rostock-Warnemünde, Germany

**Organizing Authority:**

Akademischer Seglerverein zu Rostock and the Rostocker Regatta Verein in conjunction with  
the International Finn Association and the German Finn Class Association

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Abbreviations:

[NP] – A breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] – Rules for which the penalties are the discretion of the International Jury.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Section 9 (equipment Inspection) of the Finn Class Major Championship Rules.
- 1.2. No national authority prescriptions apply.
- 1.3. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.6. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.7. For medal races, ISAF Addendum Q for umpired fleet racing will apply and takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.8. RRS 31 is changed to: While racing, the hull or crew of a boat shall not 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. A boat shall not damage a mark.

**2. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 2.1. The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 2.2. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.3. Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.4. Coloured bracelets will be available from the race office. Competitors shall take a coloured bracelet before going afloat and return it immediately after return to harbour from racing, after retiring from a race or after going afloat but not starting a race. If a competitor fails to do so, a 5 point penalty will be applied to each completed race that day without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 2.5. On arrival at the racing area, boats shall sail closely by the race committee boat on starboard tack, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 2.6. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.7. Safety in the area of the sea channel Warnemünde:
  - 2.7.1. There is normally large ferry-traffic volume on the fairway so boats shall cross the fairway in the shortest and safest way.
  - 2.7.2. Boats shall comply with the maritime regulations (Collision Regulations and the German "Seeschiffaahrtsstraßenordnung"). The "Seeschiffaahrtsstraßenordnung" will be posted on the official notice board.



2.7.3. Boats shall comply with the instructions of the water police.

- 2.8 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and coach boats shall monitor VHF Channel 69 for search, rescue and other instructions.

### 3. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

- 3.1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

### 4. FORMAT OF RACING

Stage No	Stage Name	Total Races	Races Per Day		Eligible Boats	Addendum Q Applies
			Scheduled	Max		
1	Fleet Series	10	2	3	All	No
2	Final Race	1	1	1	All boats not eligible for Stage 3	No
3	Medal Race	1	1	1	Top ten boats after Stage 1	Yes

- 4.1. The assignments for Stages 2 and 3 will be based on the ranking available either at the close of protest time after Stage 1 or, if there are hearings, as soon as hearings have been completed. The International Jury may extend this time.
- 4.2. The Finn Open European Championships 2013 and the Junior Finn Open European Championships 2013 will race together. The Junior event forms part of the Finn Open European Championships 2013.

### 5. COURSE AREAS

- 5.1. The course area, including the medal-race course, is shown in SI Addendum A.

### 6. THE COURSES

- 6.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

### 7. MARKS

- 7.1. Marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3, or associated gate marks, will be orange cylinder marks.
- 7.2. Replacement marks will be yellow cylinder marks.
- 7.3. The starting marks will be race committee vessels.
- 7.4. Finishing marks will be a race committee boat at the windward end and either a race committee boat or an orange buoy with an orange flag at the leeward end.

### 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. The Class flag will be the class insignia on a white background, except for the medal race which will have the class flag displayed over a yellow flag.

### 9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 9.2. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and scored UFD but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26, A5 and A11.
- 9.2.1. When instruction 9.2 applies Flag X will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.1
- 9.3. Visual signals for Individual Recall, General Recall and when RRS 30.3 (black flag) or Instruction 9.2 is in operation



may be repeated on the start line pin-end boat. In addition, after a general recall, the sail numbers of those boats that broke RRS 30.3 in the previous start may be displayed on the pin-end start boat. Failure to repeat the signals or to display flags or sail numbers on time or accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 9.4. A mark may be placed at approximately the mid-point of the start line, but not necessarily on the starting line. This is for the benefit of the competitors starting. Failure to position the mark accurately on the line will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and either:
- 10.1.1. A staff displaying an orange flag on the nearby finishing buoy, or
  - 10.1.2. A staff displaying an orange flag on the nearby race committee boat.

## 11. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 11.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Stage	Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
Stage 1 or 2 (1 or 2 races per day)	120	20	75
Stage 1 (3 races per day)	120	20	60
Stage 3	60	10	30

- 11.2. Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 12. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 12.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the pavilion near the race office.
- 12.2. Signals ashore will be displayed at the signal mast in harbour Mittelmole.
- 12.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.
- 12.4. Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbour or shore. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.

## 13. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1. Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

## 14. SCHEDULE OF RACES and OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Date	Stage/Function	Scheduled No of Races	Time of function or first warning signal
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Competitors' Briefing	1	1130
	Practice Race		1400
	Opening Ceremony		1800
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Fleet Series	2	1200
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Fleet Series	2	1200
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Fleet Series	2	1200
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Fleet Series	2	1200
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Fleet Series	2	1200
Saturday 27 <sup>t</sup> July	Medal Race	1	1100
	Final Race	1	1230
	Prize Giving	1	1700



- 14.1. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 14.2. Races not sailed on a scheduled day may be sailed on the following days at the discretion of the race committee, except that no more than 3 races of the Fleet Series shall be sailed on any day.
- 14.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 14.4. There will be no Stage 3 unless 5 races have been completed in Stage 1.
- 14.5. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**15. COURSE CHANGES**

- 15.1. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.
- 15.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the pavilion in harbour Mittelmole. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the last race of a Stage, whichever is earlier.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at harbour building (see information on the notice board) beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.6. Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.7. Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP] or class rules are at the discretion of the International Jury, but the IFA approved guidance will be followed.
- 16.8. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty for the breaches stated in SI 16.7 before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the race office.
- 16.9. On the last day of the Fleet Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
  - 16.9.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - 16.9.2. no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.10. On the last day of the Fleet Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**17. SCORING**

- 17.1. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 17.2. The regatta score shall be the total of the Fleet Series score plus the Medal Race score:

Stage	Stage Name	Excluded Scores	Scoring System
1	Fleet Series	1 after 4	RRS App A
2	Final Race	May be excluded	RRS App A – all finishing scores plus 10 points. Other scores as Stage 1.
3	Medal Race	Not excludable	RRS App A – Points doubled and all scores based on number of boat in the Stage



- 17.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 17.4. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 17.5. The boats assigned to compete in Stage 3 will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat disqualified under RRS 5 or 69.
- 17.6. For boats assigned to compete in Stage 3, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Stage 3 score. This changes RRS A8. For boats with the same points score in Stage 3, ties in the regatta score are broken applying RRS A8 to the Stage 1 scores.
- 17.7. A boat assigned to compete in Stage 3 shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta. If there are two such boats, they will be ranked ninth and tenth, in order of their opening-series ranks, and so on. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.8. Scores for the Junior Finn Open European Championship 2013 will be extracted from the Finn Open European Championship 2013.

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

- 18.1. Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.2. Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee or event equipment inspector. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing on a form available from the race office or jury office.

## **20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 20.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:
  - 20.1.1. Equipment Inspection – Measurer
  - 20.1.2. Jury/Judges - Jury
  - 20.1.3. Media - Press
  - 20.1.4. Organisers/VIP - VIP
  - 20.1.5. Race Committee - RC
  - 20.1.6. Rescue or Course Marshalls - Safety

## **21. COACH BOATS [DP]**

- 21.1. For the purposes of these sailing instructions a coach boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is providing physical, morale or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 21.2. Coach boats shall display their national flag or national letters at least 200mm high and clearly visible from both sides.
- 21.3. Coach boats shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 21.4. Coach boats shall not be positioned:
  - 21.4.1. Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing.
  - 21.4.2. Within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
  - 21.4.3. Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
  - 21.4.4. Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
  - 21.4.5. Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 21.5. In addition, coach boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
- 21.6. Coach boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 21.7. Additional restrictions apply to medal races and will be posted on the official notice board.



21.8. The International Jury may direct the organizing authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of this sailing instruction.

## **22. IDENTIFICATION, ADVERTISING, CAMERAS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP]**

22.1. When provided by the organizing authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

22.1.1. Yellow, blue or red bibs.

22.1.2. Yellow, blue or red dots on the mainsail.

22.1.3. Bow numbers.

22.1.4. Event sponsor advertising.

22.1.5. Cameras, sound equipment or position (tracking) equipment or equivalent dummy devices.

22.1.5.1. Competitors shall make a genuine effort to comply with the instructions for installing and operating the equipment as provided by the Organizing Authority

22.1.5.2. While competitors should take every care with the equipment, the Organizing Authority alone is liable for loss or damage of the cameras and the racks or frames used for installing the cameras on the boats.

22.1.5.3. For the purpose of RRS Part 2 and the related definitions, cameras, racks and frames are not considered to be part of the boat on which they are installed.

22.1.5.4. Boats shall avoid contact with cameras, racks and frames on other boats; however, a breach of this instruction shall not be subject to any penalty.

## **23. BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]**

23.1. When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

## **24. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

24.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **25. TRASH [DP][NP]**

25.1. RRS 55 must be observed at all times. Trash may be placed on committee and support boats.

## **26. PRIZES**

26.1. The perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Finn Open European Championships 2013 and the winner of the Junior Finn Open European Championships 2013. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top ten boats in the Finn Open European Championships 2013, and the top three in the Junior Finn Open European Championships 2013.

26.2. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers finishing first in each race.

26.3. The prize giving ceremony will take place at 1700 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at the pavilion in harbour Mittelmole.

## **27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

27.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor ISAF will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

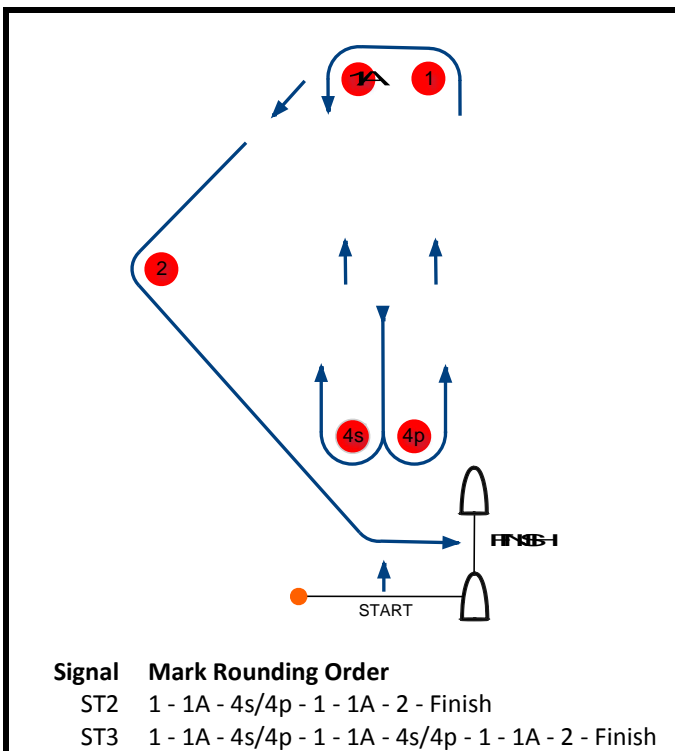
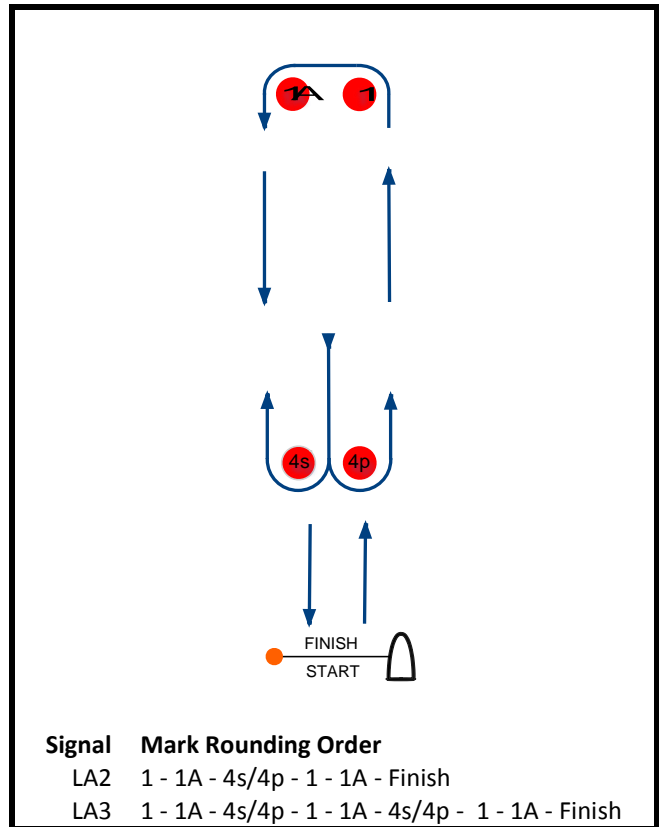
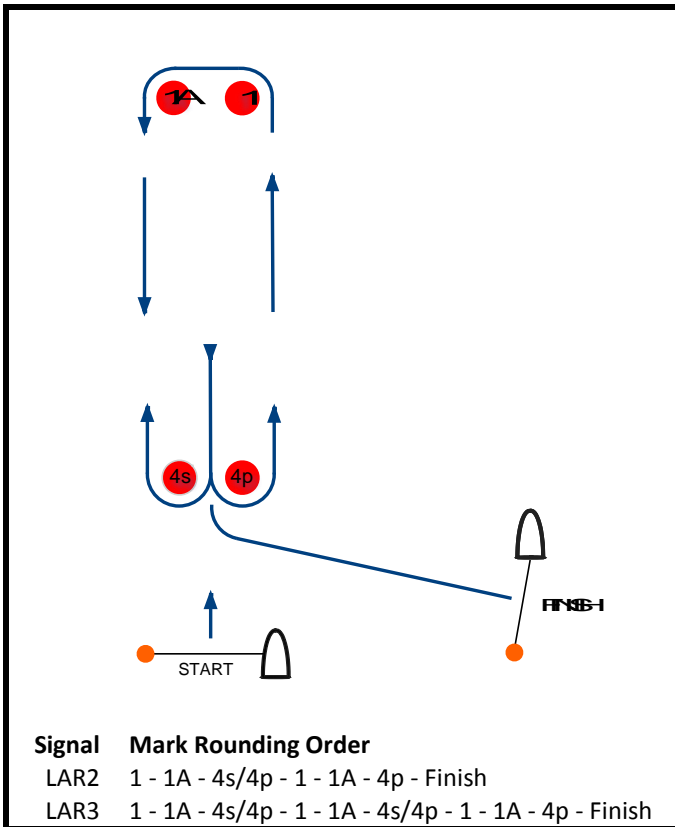


## ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREAS





ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS and MARK ROUNDING ORDER







## ADDENDUM Q

### UMPIRED FLEET RACING

This addendum has been approved by ISAF in accordance with rule 86.2 and ISAF Regulation 28.1.3.

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*Marginal marks indicate important changes from the previous version.*

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B5.

#### **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 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) 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.

Instruction Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards.

##### **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) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.
- (c) 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.'
- (d) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. Rule B5 is deleted.
- (e) Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.



## **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 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. However, a board need not display a red flag.

**Q2.2** A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty 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** At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about 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

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and 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.

**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.