

44Cup FLEET RACING SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**Version 2019-01****F1 RULES****F1.14 Man Overboard:**

- (a) If the crewmember leaves the boat and is rescued by an official vessel, that vessel shall remain stationary unless other pressing duties prevent it, until the boat returns to collect the crewmember.
- (b) If non-racing personnel leave the boat, and is rescued by any other vessel, that person shall not be returned to the boat and the boat shall not be penalized.

F1.15 Bowsprit Restrictions:

- (a) The bowsprit must be pulled in as soon as possible after lowering the gennaker.
- (b) Infringements to SI F1.15 (a) and Class Rule C.10.6(a) may be penalized by the Umpires, under Addendum Q4.1 and Q3.1.
- (c) A boat will not be penalised under SI F1.15 (a) and Class rule C10.6(a) except when the boat interferes with another boat while its bowsprit is not fully retracted and it is contributory to umpiring that incident.
- (d) The umpires will not consider the bowsprit for overlaps unless the spinnaker is hoisted above the forestay rigging point (intersection of forestay and mast).
- (e) Contact with the extended bowsprit would be considered "hard" contact but if the bowsprit has been extended long enough for the keep clear boat to be able to reasonably see it, even if it contravenes the rule, she must keep clear. However, under SI F1.15 (c) the other boat will be penalized as well.

A breach of SI F1.15 is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by Umpires in accordance with Addendum Q4.1 and Q3.1.

This changes Addendum ~~Q2.3~~ **Q2.4**.

F1.16 Hiking Restriction

Infringements to Class Rule C.2.3 may be penalized by the umpires, under Addendum Q4.1 and Q3.1.

F1.17 Sails Restrictions

During 44Cup regattas, a full sail inventory (Class Rule C.11.2.a) shall be declared at registration. During each racing day there is a "Sail Limit Period" and that is from the moment a boat dock-out until she finishes the last race of the day or she retires for the day. During the sail limit period, 1 mainsail, 2 spinnakers and minimum 2 jibs shall be carried aboard the competitor boat. Adding a jib or swapping jibs with the support boat is not allowed during the sail limit period. This changes Class Rule C.11.2.

~~(a) Class Rule C.11.2(a) shall not apply. Sails requirement/limitation are as follows:~~

~~During the Fleet Racing Series, the full following inventory: (1) mainsail, one (1) genoa 1, one (1) genoa 2, one (1) genoa 3, two (2) gennakers and one (1) RC44 One Design gennaker, shall be declared and carried aboard whilst racing, for each event.~~

~~(b) When the RC displays Flag "O" (Oscar) prior to the initial Warning Signal of a race, boats are prohibited from using a gennaker different from the RC44 One Design gennaker while racing in that race.~~

F1.18 RRS 67 is deleted and substituted with:

- (a) Any issue of liability or claim for damages and/or injuries arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
- (b) A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability or that she has broken a *rule*.

F 1.19 Helmsman.

When, whilst a boat is racing, the umpires observe any crewmember other than the 'Owner, Substitute or Charter' helmsman steering the boat, they shall penalize that boat in accordance with Addendum Q4.1 and Q3.1. A breach of SI F1.19 is not open to protest by boats

This changes Addendum ~~Q2.3~~ Q2.4.

Aiding steering the boat in a situation where it is reasonable to expect a collision or injury might occur will not be penalized if a boat does not come out in a better position than it would have done otherwise.

However, if the umpires observe a crew member with his hands on the wheel, and they are not yet certain as to whether this is an infringement, they will signal a warning by displaying a yellow flag and pointing conspicuously to the boat concerned. Only one warning will be made for an incident.

F2 SAFETY

- a) When the wind speed is more than 14 knots RC will display flag Y requiring crews to wear life jackets while afloat.
- b) Boats shall carry on board heaving line ready for immediate use in case of man overboard emergency.
- c) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

F3 SPARE

F4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Office.

F5 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

F5.1 Amendments to the SI and/or FR SI made ashore will be posted two hours before scheduled time for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

F5.2 In the event that Amendments or Notices are posted, Flag L will be displayed ashore each day until the boats have departed for the racecourse.

F5.3 Amendments made afloat will be signalled by the display of flag Alpha ("A") with three sound signals. An umpire may communicate these either verbally or in writing.

F6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

F6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official mast located in front of the Race Office.

F6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

F6.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

F7 BOATS

The event will be sailed in RC 44 type boats.

F8 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the RC 44 Class Rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

F9 CREW

- F9.1 All registered crew shall sail all races, including event match racing series.
F9.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Boat owner can be substituted during the event.

F10 EVENT FORMAT AND SCORING

- F10.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
F10.2 The number of races to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC. Maximum four races are scheduled each day.
F10.3 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
F10.4 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.

F11 SPARE**F12 COURSE****A) Windward-Leeward**

- F12.1 SI F12.2 describes the courses, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Boats shall leave marks to port and shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. In the event that a leeward gate is not in position, boats shall round the existing single mark to port.
- F12.2 (a) RC 44 Course 1: Start - WI - W - WI - Gate - WI - W - WI - Finish
(Downwind)
(b) RC 44 Course 2: Start - WI - W - WI - Gate - WI - W - WI - Gate - WI -
W - WI - Finish (Downwind)
(c) Offset Course 3: Start - W - WO - Gate - W - WO - Finish (Downwind)
(d) Offset Course 4: Start - W - WO - Gate - W - WO - Gate - W - WO - Finish
(Downwind)
(e) The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 6 lengths to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate. In the event of a change of course under RRS 33, Mark WI will be a Mark Boat displaying Mike flag without sound signal.
Mark WO is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark W. Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned approximately to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat. The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.
Except for when there is a change of course: the finish will be to leeward of the Gate.
- F12.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number.

B) "F" - Foxtrot

- F12.4 The course shall be as described in SI F12.2 above, except that boats shall pass between the gate marks on the final leg before proceeding to the Finish. The Finish Line for Course "F" will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on a RC Vessel and the nearby finishing mark.

C) Distance Race

- F12.5 The diagram in SI Appendix B shows the course of the distance race.

F12.6 Starting/Finishing Line

- (a) The starting line will be a straight line between the course side of the port-end starting mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.
- (b) The finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of the port-end finishing *mark* and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.
The finishing *marks* are also ranked as gate *marks* and RRS 18.4 does not apply at those *marks*.
- (c) A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle.

F13 STARTING PROCEDURE AND CLASS FLAGS

- F13.1 Class flag will be white RC 44 flag for windward-leeward courses. Sponsors flag may be used for distance races instead of white RC 44 flag.
- F13.2 Starts will be made in accordance with RRS26.
- F13.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A5.
- F13.5 The race committee will identify each OCS boat by VHF on the channel indicated in the Event SI. Any failure or delay (including the order) in recalling will not be grounds for redress. Addendum ~~Q5.3~~ **Q5.2** deletes RRS 62.1(a).
- F13.6 Boats to be scored UFD under RRS 30.3 or BFD under RRS 30.4 will be hailed as described in SI F13.5. If hailed, such boats are to remove themselves from the race course at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to do so will result in a black flag umpire penalty per Si Q3.1(c), at which time the penalized boat(s) shall promptly leave the course area.

F14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- F14.1 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.
- F14.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.2.
- F14.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a *mark* as provided in instruction F14.2.
That race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is not a gate *mark* for the requirements of RRS 18.4.

F15 TIME LIMITS

- F15.1 For windward/leeward races, the Time Limit will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus two points (TLE....Time Limit Expired). At the conclusion of the 20-minute time period, the Race Committee will remove the Blue ("On Station") Flag with one sound. This changes rules 35, A5, and Race Signals.
- F15.2 For the "F" (Foxtrot) race and for the distance race, the Time Limit will be 240 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points equal to the number of finishers plus two points (TLE....Time Limit Expired). This changes rules 35 and A5.

F16 COURSE LIMITS

- (a) A number of small marks may be laid close to the shore or to an obstruction. At no time shall any part of a hull cross the imaginary

straight line between two adjacent buoys, or a straight line at 90 degrees to the line between the two outermost marks at either end of the line of marks and the shore or the obstruction.

- (b) A breach of this sailing instruction is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by umpires in accordance with Q4.1. This changes Q4.1.
- (c) These lines rank as obstructions and are the limit of safe pilotage for the purposes of Part 2 of RRS.
- (d) There is no penalty for touching the marks limiting these areas.

F17 PENALTY SYSTEM

As indicated in Addendum RC 44.

F18–F19–F20 SPARE

F21 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other *support person* shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

A breach of this SI is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by the Race Committee and the IJ.

F22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

F23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

F24 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- (a) The OA may require media personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board at any time and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- (b) The position of non-racing personnel and equipment will be determined by the class in co-operation with the RC and may be advised verbally. Non-racing personnel will not take part in sailing the boat while racing and shall stay behind the helmsman during the entire race unless otherwise allowed.
- (c) The OA and the class shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.
- (d) Skipper may be required to carry an audio microphone.

F25 EVENT HOSPITALITY AND VIP GUESTS

- (a) In the event that media personnel are not allocated to a boat in accordance with F24(a), the OA and the class may require other personnel to be carried on board.
- (b) The skipper or owner may request to carry a guest on board, which shall not take part in sailing. Such request shall be made the day before racing with the guest and shall include his/her approximate weight.
- (c) VIP guests will not take part in sailing the boat while racing and shall stay behind the helmsman during the entire race.

F26 CODE of CONDUCT

- (a) Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.

- (b) Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship.
- (c) When a boat gets entangled with an inflatable mark and either releases the anchor line of the inflatable mark to get free, or doesn't immediately stop sailing and pulls the inflatable mark out of position, the following penalties apply:
 - (1) if it has no impact on the race 5 points will be added to her total point score, or
 - (2) if the race is able to continue but the action affects the fairness of the race the Umpires may penalize her with a black flag or the Jury will disqualify her, or
 - (3) if the action causes the race to be abandoned points equal to DSQ will be added to her score.
- (d) The penalty for breaking this SI is at the discretion of the IJ and may include exclusion from further participation in the event or RC 44 events.

F28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- F28.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.
- F28.2 The owner/competitor is entirely responsible for his own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the notice of race or sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- F28.3 It is for the owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that boat is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- F28.4 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/competitor nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred, as a result of the owner/competitor taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- F28.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of her responsibilities.

F29 INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

ADDENDUM RC 44 (Vs. 2019-01)

These sailing instructions change the definitions of *Finish*, *Mark-Room*, *Obstruction*, *Proper Course*, *Zone* and RRS rules 13, 17, 19.1, 20, 20.1, 22.3, 28.2, 31, 36, 42.3, 44, 44.1, 44.2, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 64.1, 65, 66 and 70 and adds new RRS rules 8 and 20.4.

Q1 CHANGES TO THE RRS 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 1, 2, 3 and 4.

- (a) The definition of *Finish* is changed to:
 "A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under RULE 28.2, after correcting an error made at the finish line."
- (b) The definition of *Mark-Room* is changed to:
 "Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side."
- (c) The third sentence of the definition of *Obstruction* is changed to **deleted and substituted with:**
 "However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her or to give *mark-room* to her or, if rule 23 applies, avoid her.
The following objects always rank as *obstructions*:
 (a) any vessel with a person (or persons) aboard that is not a racing boat;
 (b) any person (or persons) in the water."
- (d) Add to the definition *Proper Course*:
 "a boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*."
- (e) The definition of *Zone* is changed to:
 "The area around a *mark* or an *obstruction*, except when it is also
 (a) an umpire boat, or
 (b) a boat *racing* the boats are required to *keep clear* or to give *mark-room* to her,
 within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*."
- (f) Add new Rule 8 to Part 1:
 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.
- (g) Rule 13 is deleted.
- (h) Rule 17 is deleted.
- (i) Rule 19.1 is changed to:
 When Rule 19 Applies
 Rule 19 applies between two boats at an *obstruction* or when at least one of them is in the *zone* of an *obstruction* that is different from an umpire boat or a boat *racing* the boats are required to *keep clear* or to give *mark-room* to her, except
 (a) when the *obstruction* is a *mark* the boats are required to leave on the same side, or
 (b) when rule 18 applies between the boats and the *obstruction* is another boat *overlapped* with each of them.
 However, at a continuing *obstruction*, rule 19 always applies and rule 18

- does not.
- (l) Rule 20.1 is changed to:
Rule 20 only applies to a starboard-tack boat.
A boat on starboard may hail for *room* to tack and avoid a boat on the same *tack*. However, she shall not hail unless
- (a) she is approaching an *obstruction* and will soon need to make a substantial course change to avoid it safely, and
 - (b) she is sailing close-hauled or above.
- In addition, she shall not hail if the *obstruction* is a *mark* and a boat that is *fetching* it would be required to change course as a result of the hail.
A boat can hail or signal when those actions are not related to rule 20.
- (m) Add new rule 20.4:
When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals by the helmsman or the tactician 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.
- (n) Rule 22.3 is deleted.
- (o) Rule 31 Touching a Mark
Rule 31 is changed to:
'While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull, boom, standing rigging, bowsprit 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.'
- (p) Add rule 42.3(L):
'A boat may pump any sail without limitation'.

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 in accordance with rule ~~44.2~~ Q3.3 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) Spare
- (c) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1, Q2.4, Q5.1 and Q5.2'.
- (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) The three sentences of rule 64.1 are replaced with: '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.'
- (g) 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.

- (h) Rule 64.4(b) is replaced with: 'The protest committee may also penalize a boat that is a *party* to a hearing under rule 60.3(d) or rule 69 for a breach of a *rule* by a *support person* by changing the boat's score in a single race, up to and including DSQ.'
- (i) 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 "Y" (Yankee) 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, kiteboard, 2.4 Norlin OD or Hanse 303 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 in accordance with rule ~~44.2~~ **Q3.3**. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.

Q2.3 **Spare**
~~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, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.~~

Q2.4 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, 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~~
 protest another boat ~~only for RRS~~ **under rule 2** or the RC44 Class Rules (except C2.3, C2.4 & C10.6(a))

~~shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. only, by~~ **shall clearly display a red flag during the race or as soon as possible after she becomes aware of the infringement.**

A boat may not protest under any other Rule.

~~The same time limit applies to protests under instruction Q5.5.~~

The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

~~**Q2.4** A boat intending to protest under RRS 2 because of circumstances that arise before she finishes or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances.~~

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 Signalling a penalty.

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound signal means "No Penalty".
- (b) A red flag with one long sound signal means ~~"one or more boats are penalized."~~ 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal ~~by conspicuously pointing~~ to identify each such boat. penalized,
- (c) A black flag with one long sound signal means ~~"one or more boats are disqualified"~~ 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal ~~by conspicuously pointing~~ to identify each the boat disqualified,
- ~~(d) a series of short sound signals means "one or more boats has not taken a penalty correctly and must retake the penalty. The umpires will hail or signal by conspicuously pointing to identify each boat concerned.~~
- ~~(e) A boat penalized under Q3.1 (b) or (d) shall promptly take it in accordance with Q3.2.
A boat disqualified under Q3.1 (c) shall promptly leave the course area.~~

- Q3.2**
- (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a ~~One-Turn~~ penalty in accordance with rule ~~44.2~~ Q3.3.
 - (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q3.3 Taking a Penalty.

- (a) Before starting, or when on a leg of the course to a windward mark, or a finish at Mark WI, a boat shall promptly sail clear, and as soon as reasonably possible gybe and luff to a close-hauled course.
- (b) On a leg of the course to mark WO, or when on a leg of the course to a leeward mark, a gate, or the finishing line when finishing on a downwind leg of Course 1 or Course 2, a boat shall promptly sail clear, and as soon as reasonably possible tack and bear away to a course that is more than 90 degrees from the true wind.
- (c) On the final leg of the Course "F" (Foxtrot) to the finishing line, after the gate, a boat shall promptly sail clear and as soon as reasonably possible do a turn, including one tack and one gybe.
- (d) In a long distance race a boat shall promptly sail clear and as soon as reasonably possible do a turn, including one tack and one gybe.

Q3.4 Restrictions on Taking a Penalty.

- (a) When taking a penalty that involves a tack the head of the spinnaker shall be below the main-boom gooseneck from the time the boat passes head to wind until she is on a close-hauled course.
- (b) When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line her hull shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.
- (c) On a leg to mark WO, no part of a penalty may be taken in the area before the extension of the straight line from the gate or leeward mark and mark WO.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS**Q4.1** When a boat:

- (a) ~~Infringes RRS 31, 42, 49,~~ breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) ~~breaks rule 42 or 49,~~
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) ~~deliberately breaks a rule,~~
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship,
- (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to

- do so by an umpire, **or**
- (g) ~~Infringes~~ **breaks** any SI or Class Rules referring to the position of the crew, the helmsman or the bowsprit, **an** umpire may penalize, ~~or further penalize it,~~ 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~~ **Q3.3**, 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.

~~They shall signal the penalty in accordance with Q3.1 (b) & (c).~~

- Q4.2** 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~~ **may** be disqualified 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 rule 28~~ 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.

Q4.4 Contact

- (a) When the umpires observe or the jury receive a report of "hard" contact (defined as hull, spars or standing rigging against another boats hull, spars or standing rigging), between boats the jury will impose a one-point penalty on the penalised boat in the incident without a hearing.
If it is a double point scoring race the penalty will be 2 points.
Furthermore, they may also impose a minimum of a half point penalty on the other boat.
- (b) When there is contact that causes damage, or the match umpires (together with at least one other umpire) decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, the Jury shall impose a penalty on either one or both boats. In this case the minimum penalty for the penalized boat(s) in the incident is one point.

- Q4.5** (c) **In rule 36 "RACES TO BE RESTARTED OR RESAILED"**
at the end of ~~RRS~~ **rule** 36(b) add: ...or SI **Q4.5**.

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 or the Race Committee, and the protest committee shall not open a redress hearing except as permitted in instruction Q5.2.

- Q5.2** (a) Rule 62 is altered as follows:
A boat may not request redress. If there is damage to a boat, caused by a penalized yacht, that means it had to retire or is unable to compete in subsequent races the Class Manager will ask the protest committee to open a hearing.
Rule 62.1 (a) is deleted.
- (b) If a hearing determines that an incident between boats in a race resulted in serious damage to a boat through no fault of her own, and if that damaged boat could not continue racing, or the class confirms that the performance of the boat was seriously affected, the redress granted will be

points equal to 50% (rounded up to a whole number) of the boats entered in that event of the series.

The ~~Jury~~ **protest committee** will give the same redress for any subsequent races the class determines the boat will not be able to sail.

- (c) A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires **or the Race Committee**. A party to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of 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 inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.**
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct ~~any~~ **the** hearing if ~~decides to hold~~ in any way it considers appropriate ~~If it so decides, it may make its decision without a hearing. It~~ **and** may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no ~~significant~~ effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty **of points or fraction of points** or make any other arrangement it decides **is equitable** ~~is fair for all boats affected~~, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with instruction Q5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.
- Q5.4** **Spare**
~~The race committee will not protest a boat.~~
- 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 rule 28, a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.**
- Q5.6** **The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 43, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.**