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## ADVICE TO COMPETITORS

### UMPIRED FLEET RACING USING ADDENDUM Q

**(This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition)**

You are sailing under the normal Racing Rules of Sailing, but with the following important changes:

#### Protest Procedures While Racing

While you are racing, you can only protest another boat for the following:

- A boat-to-boat incident you are involved in yourself (under Part 2, except for rule 14)
- Another boat touches a mark

You protest by hailing 'Protest'. A hand signal should be used to draw attention to your hail.

Make sure the umpires and the boat you are protesting hear the hail. A hand signal should be used to draw attention to your hail.

#### Penalties While Racing

If you are protested by another boat, you may take a penalty immediately after the incident as follows:

- If your proper course is upwind or before the starting signal, gybe and return to close-hauled
- If your proper course is downwind, tack and return to downwind course.
- If you decide to take a penalty but need to get clear of other boats or a mark, it is a good idea to look at the umpires, raise your hand and say; "I take it".

If no boat takes a penalty, the umpires will make one of these signals:

- Display a green and blow a whistle which means 'No penalty'
- Display a red flag, blow a whistle and hail to identify a boat

If you are identified by the umpires, you shall immediately take a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.

If you know you have broken a rule, you are obligated by the Basic Principle, Sportsmanship and the Rules, to take a penalty immediately. Waiting for a signal when you know you have broken a rule may be seen as breaking a rule deliberately.

The umpires may penalize you (using the red flag) without a protest from another boat if you touch a mark without taking a penalty, gain an advantage after taking a penalty or fail to take a penalty correctly.

If these breaches are severe or repeated, or if you miss a mark or do not sail the course correctly (see Q 4.2 (a) for your obligations regarding sailing the course), break a rule deliberately or commit a breach of sportsmanship the umpires may use the black flag to disqualify you. If you are disqualified you must leave the course immediately

### **Protests or Requests for Redress after Racing**

The intent is that all situations are decided on the water. However, you may protest or request redress immediately after finishing for breaches or circumstances that you cannot protest while racing. Such protests and requests for redress need not be in writing; you just inform the race committee not later than 2 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the race. You must receive acknowledgement from the race committee. After the hearing and decision, you cannot ask for a re-opening. You may not request redress because of actions or non-actions by the umpires.

### **Other Rules**

If you want room to tack at an obstruction, you must use arm signals in addition to hailing for room (**see Instruction Q1.1 concerning 19.1**).

You must complete all penalties before finishing (**see Instruction Q1.1 concerning the Definition Finish**).

**Appendix P**, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, continues to apply except the number of protests you incurred earlier in the regatta is not carried forward to the Medal Race. Rule 42 protests will be signalled with a yellow flag.