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ADDENDUM Q

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

Under rule 86.2 and Regulation 31.1.3, the ISAF has approved the use of these sailing instructions as an addendum to the sailing instructions in World Championship Grade, Grade 1 and Grade C1 events in 2006 for umpired fleet racing in the last race of each series for the Olympic classes. Similar events are also encouraged to use the addendum. This can be done under rule 86.3 if the national authority prescribes that rule changes are allowed for the purpose of development and testing. Please note that the national authority may prescribe that such changes require its approval. Events that use this addendum are requested to provide feedback to the ISAF to support further development.

Races may be sailed under the sailing instructions in this addendum only if the notice of race so states and the addendum is included in the sailing instructions.

Use of this addendum is recommended for races in which about ten one-design boats compete with umpires present. There should be one umpire boat for every three or four boats in the fleet.

These sailing instructions change the definition Finish and rules 19.1, 31.2, 44.1, 44.2, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2

- (a) The definition Finish is changed to
A boat finishes when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, 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 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.
- (b) When rule 19.1 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.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests and Exoneration

- (a) Rule 60.1 (a) is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1, Q2.3, Q5.1, Q5.2 and Q5.3.'
- (b) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

- (c) A boat that, while racing, may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31.1 may, after getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, take a penalty as follows:
- (1) Before her starting signal or if her proper course is upwind, she shall promptly gybe and, as soon as reasonably possible, luff to a close-hauled course.
 - (2) If her proper course is downwind, she shall promptly tack and, as soon as reasonably possible, bear away to a downwind course. However, a board shall only promptly gybe twice.

When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

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, but only for an incident in which she was involved, or under rule 31.1. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and attract the attention of the umpires by hailing and waving.
- 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 promptly taking the penalty provided in instruction Q1.2(c). If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire will signal a decision as provided in instruction Q3.1
- Q2.3 As soon as possible after the last boat in the race finishes, the race committee will display flag B with a sound, and will remove it with a sound after two minutes. If a boat did not start or comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, the race committee will then also display her sail number and the appropriate scoring abbreviation according to rule A11. During the display of flag B a boat may hail the race committee
- (a) to protest another boat for an alleged breach of a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, and she may protest under rule 14 only if there is damage or injury, or
 - (b) to request redress.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND PENALTIES

- Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:
- (a) A green flag or a green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
 - (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'One or more boats are penalized.' The umpire will signal to identify each boat to be penalized.
 - (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 boat penalized under instruction Q3.1 (b) shall, after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible, take a penalty by promptly making one turn including one tack and one gybe. When she takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing. 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 31.1 and does not take a penalty,
 - (b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (c) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or

- (d) 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 a penalty of one or more turns, each including one tack and one gybe, signalled by displaying a red flag and hailing the boat accordingly, or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action.

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 28.1 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 when there is no damage or injury.

Q5 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, except as permitted in instruction Q5.2.
- Q5.2 A boat may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat or helicopter was improper. The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances if it believes that an official boat or helicopter, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat.
- Q5.3 A boat may not base a request for redress or 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.'
- Q5.4 (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.
- Q5.5 The race committee will not protest a boat, but it will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.3.
- Q5.6 The protest committee will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 when there is no damage or injury.