

**UNITED STATES ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT
Clifford D. Mallory Trophy**

**Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing
Host Club: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club
October 4-8, 2023**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) or Sailing Instructions (SI's) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), and may be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule in the NOR or SI's means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The following additional documents will also apply:
- 1.2. [2021-2024 US Sailing Prescriptions](#)
- 1.3. [US Sailing Conditions of the US Adult Sailing Championship](#)
- 1.4. [US Sailing Championship Conditions](#)
- 1.5. [US Sailing Safe Sport Handbook](#)
- 1.6. [US Sailing Championships Code of Conduct](#)
- 1.7. [US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy](#)
- 1.8. SI Addendum A, B, C, D, E, and F.
- 1.9. [US Sailing Regulations](#) 2.02, 4.02, 10, 13, 14.04 and 15.
- 1.10. [DP] Per US Sailing Regulation 10.04 USE OF PERSONAL FLOTATION, A. Adult Qualifying and Championship Events, 1. For US Sailing Adult qualifying and championship events in keelboats, each competitor shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. A violation of this Instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however, an inadvertent and momentary breach of this instruction may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.1" Competitors from outside the United States may wear a PFD approved by their nations' certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.
- 1.11. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the OA.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the MBJA building. — As a courtesy, notices may also be posted on the regatta website.
- 2.2. Questions regarding the NOR or SIs shall be submitted in writing to the RC. Written responses will be posted on the official noticeboard

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted by 0830 on the day it takes effect.
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.3. In compliance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to the SIs may be made on-the-water by displaying flag “L” from the RC signal boat with one sound. The RC will announce the change on VHF channel 72. The judges may assist with notifying the boats.
- 3.4. If changes to the SIs are made on-the-water, they will be written down and posted ashore as soon as possible on the day they were made.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole of MBYC.
- 4.2. When flag ‘AP’ is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, October 4th	1000 – 1700	Registration and weigh in
	1200 – 1700	Boats available for practice
Thursday, October 5 th	0800 – 0900	Late Registration and weigh in
	0900	Competitor’s meeting – MBYC upstairs
	1100	First warning
	After racing	Social and dinner buffet MBYC
Friday, October 6 th	0900	Competitor’s meeting – lounge
	1100	First warning
	After racing	<i>No structured event</i>
Saturday, October 7 th	0900	Competitor’s meeting – lounge
	1100	First warning
	After racing	Social and dinner buffet MBYC
Sunday, October 8 th	0900	Competitor’s meeting – lounge
	1100	First warning
	1400	No initial warning signal after 1400.
	After Racing	Awards and social

- 5.2. [DP] Skippers shall attend the daily morning briefing held in the MBYC porch or MBJA lounge.
- 5.3. The race committee may display code flag A while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races that day.

6. RACING AREA

Racing area is on Lake Michigan approximately 1 mile from piers.

7. FORMAT AND BOAT ASSIGNMENTS

- 7.1. SI Addendum D describes the format for racing.
- 7.2. SI Addendum F are specific instructions for this umpired fleet racing event

8. BORROWED BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. [DP][NP] MBYC will provide member-owned, race-ready VXOne boats and sails for all teams. Teams must use the boats as provided by MBYC and comply with the NOR and SI Addendum A, Boat Handling and Equipment Rules, at all times while competitors are aboard the boats,

including practice sessions.

8.2. Each team will be provided with a red protest flag, that will stay with the team during the rotations

8.3. Each team will be provided with a yellow breakdown flag, that will stay with the team during the rotations.

9. THE COURSE

9.1. The diagram in Addendum B shows the course to be sailed, including the order that marks are to be passed.

9.2. All marks must be rounded to port except all boats must sail between the gate marks (i.e., marks 2s/p) from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If a gate mark is missing or not in place, the remaining leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

9.3. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32

10. MARKS

10.1. All marks will be MarksetBots

10.2. In case of a MarksetBot breakdown substitute marks will be orange tetrahedron(s)

11. THE START

11.1. Races will start in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. The RC will attempt to hail OCS boats after the start on VHF channel 72. Failure or delay to receive or hear hails or radio transmission will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

11.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark excluding the pontoons.

11.4. A boat failing to start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG

12.1. The RC may make minor adjustments to the racecourse during a race. A course change of less than 10 degrees or .1nm will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

12.2. If the RC decides to make a change of course, original marks will be moved to the new location, or a substitute mark may be used.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the finish mark, excluding the pontoons.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1. The time limit to Mark 1 is 20 minutes.

14.2. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

14.3. Boats not finishing within 10 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5

15. BREAKDOWNS AND TIME FOR REPAIRS

15.1. Before the warning signal of a race or within two (2) minutes of finishing or within five(5) minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat shall display the breakdown flag to signal a breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew, and request a delay to the next start.

15.2. The time limit allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.

15.3. After the warning signal of a race, a start will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown flag was displayed as required by SI 15.1.

- 15.4. Failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the warning signal, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
 - 15.5. A boat with an alleged breakdown must make all reasonable attempts to finish its race, unless by doing so, will cause further damage to the boat or equipment. The Bosun will be available on the course to inspect any breakdown and will report to RC. See SI Addendum C for further details.
 - 15.6. Refer to Addendum F for information on damages.
- 16. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1. See addendum H, UF 3.1
 - 16.2. Hearing request forms are available at the registration desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
 - 16.3. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat docks. The signal boat dock time will be posted on the official notice board.
 - 16.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitor hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearing will be heard.
 - 16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17. SCORING**
- 17.1. The regatta will be conducted using a single series format per RRS Appendix A. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
 - 17.2. Refer to Addendum E, Event Format and Scoring, for additional scoring information.
- 18. SAFETY**
- 18.1. [NP] A boat that withdraws or retires from a race must notify the RC by hail or VHF channel 72.
- 19. [NP] PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND DISCIPLINE**
- 19.1. Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03, for the regatta, no competitor will use or possess, either on or off the water, marijuana, or any other substance if use or possession is illegal under state or federal law. An alleged breach of these regulations will not be grounds for a protest.
 - 19.2. However, when PC believes that a competitor may have breached any regulation or Code of Conduct, it must follow the process described in the Championship Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, he/ she will be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the event venue and sent home. The competitor's team will be disqualified from all races of the event.
- 20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**
- 20.1. [DP][NP] All teams must bring and carry an operating VHF radio while on-the-water.
 - 20.2. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat will neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.
- 21. PRIZES**
- 21.1. US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three (3) teams.
 - 21.2. The first-place team will be presented with the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy.
 - 21.3. The Staton J. Peele, Jr. Trophy voted upon by the sailors may be awarded for sportsmanship.
 - 21.4. Additional trophies and awards may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 22. DISCLAIMER, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**
- 22.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, including without

limitation bodily injury, permanent disability, and death. Each person participates in the event and each race entirely at his/her own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

22.2. THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, US SAILING, MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB, RACE COMMITTEE, PROTEST COMMITTEE, UMPIRES, SPONSORS, HOSTCLUB(S) AND VENUE (AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, PERSONNEL, EMPLOYEES, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS IN THEIR CAPACITY OF ASSISTING A RACE OR RELATED EVENT OR ACTIVITY) (COLLECTIVELY, "RACE ORGANIZERS") WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY ACTION, CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT OR INJURY (INCLUDING BODILY INJURY, PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT DISABILITY, AND DEATH) (COLLECTIVELY, "DAMAGES") TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. BY PARTICIPATING, EACH PARTICIPANT (AND IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN AND MINORS, EACH PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) FOREVER RELEASES, DISCHARGES AND WAIVES ANY AND ALL ACTIONS, SUITS AND CLAIMS WHATSOEVER AGAINST RACE ORGANIZERS FOR ANY DAMAGES TO ANY PERSON, PROPERTY OR BOAT (I) SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER EACH RACE; OR (II) ARISING, RELATING OR RESULTING FROM USE OF RACE FACILITIES OR PARTICIPATION IN A RACE OR ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. PARTICIPANT FURTHER RELEASES ALL RACE ORGANIZERS FROM ALL DAMAGES WHATSOEVER ON ACCOUNT OF ANY OF THEM GIVING ASSISTANCE, AID, CARE, ADVICE, RESCUE, FIRST AID, TREATMENT OR SERVICES.

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Addendum A

BOAT HANDLING AND EQUIPMENT RULES

A1. General

A1.1 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the judges.

A1.2 The crew sailing the boat shall report any damage or problem with the boat to the Bosun before turning over the boat to the next crew. This shall be done by verbally notifying the bosun ashore after the last race for the boat each day. The reports must include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future races.

A1.3 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

Permitted Items and Actions.

The following equipment may be brought aboard by competitors:

- a. Taking on board the following equipment:
 1. basic hand tools
 2. rigging tape, but not duct tape
 3. line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 4. marking pencils
 5. tell-tale material (not to be put on sails)
 6. digital or analog compass, timers, and watches without GPS function.
 7. shackles and clevis pins
 8. Velcro tape
 9. copy of *Racing Rules of Sailing*, paper and pencil
 10. spare protest flag
 11. small personal video devices such as GoPro
 12. VHF radio - Per NOR#1.3, all teams must bring and carry their own VHF radio
 13. mobile phone
- b. Using the items in A1(a) only to:
 1. prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 2. attach tell tales
 3. prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
 4. mark control settings
 5. make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
 6. use the VHF to contact, or receive instructions from, the RC as permitted herein.
- c. The jib cars may be adjusted as may the halyard tension, outhaul, vang and cunningham

A2. Prohibited Items and Actions.

Except in an emergency, or in order to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by OA, RC or PC, **the following are prohibited:**

- a. Any additions, omissions, or alterations to the hull, rudder, mast, boom or other equipment supplied.
- b. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- c. The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of OA.
- d. Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- e. Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used. Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- f. Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage depositor having permission from Regatta Chair or designee, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- g. Hauling out a boat unless coordinated with MBYC bosun or shore-crew.
- h. Cleaning surfaces below the waterline or heeling the boat using the mast or shrouds.

- i. Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- j. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging.
- k. Using electronic instruments other than non-GPS capable digital or analog compass, timers, and watches. GPS capable compasses, timers, watches, and performance tracking instruments are prohibited.
- l. Marking directly on the boom, mast, hull, or deck.
- m. Using the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crewmember outboard.
- n. Adjusting tension of the battens.
- o. Roll tacking and gybing:
- p. Items j, m, n, and o, if observed by the umpires, will receive an umpire-initiated penalties.

A3. Provided Equipment

- A3.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except as permitted in this addendum.
- A3.2 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- A3.3 In attempt to protect provided boats, no race will be started or run when sustained winds exceed an average of 17 knots or gust to 22 knots or more.
- A3.4 The following non-fixed items, provided on the boats, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing:

Sails and Sailing Equipment		
Mainsail with battens	Jib with battens	Spinnaker
Provided mainsheet	Provided jib sheets	Provided spinnaker sheets

Safety Gear		
Tow Line		

- A3.5 Loss or damage to any boat, sails or equipment must be immediately reported to the Bosun or Regatta Chair or the designee.

A4. Mandatory Items and Actions.

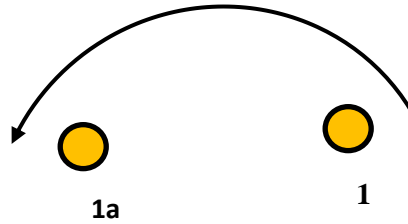
- A4.1 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- A4.2 At the end of each sailing day, competitors shall:
 - 1. roll, bag, and stow the sails as directed.
 - 2. leave the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
 - 3. remove tiller and rudder from water.
 - 4. clean the boat, remove all trash and remove all marks and tape except tape applied to turnbuckles and for chafe protection.

Addendum B

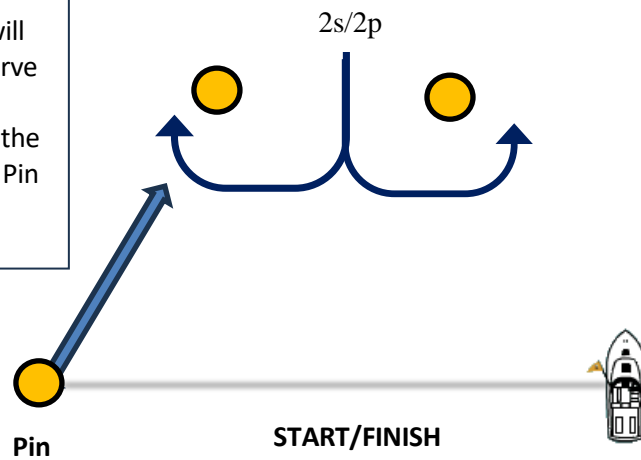
The COURSE

After the start, the Pin will move to 2S position to serve as the Gate. When all competitors have passed the Gate, 2S will move to the Pin location for the finish.

Course W4: Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-Finish



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Addendum C

BREAKDOWNS and REDRESS

C1 The following is added to RRS 62.1: “(e) a boat suffering a breakdown.”

C2 If a boat suffers a breakdown, the team may request redress subject to the following:

- a) In addition to the requirements of RRS 62.2, the team must inform the bosun on VHF channel 72 of the breakdown during or promptly after the affected race and, at such time, notify the bosun of the team’s intent to request redress. This changes RRS 62.2.
- b) When a boat suffers a breakdown, the boat’s crew shall make all reasonable efforts to fix the damage and continue racing, unless that would result in further damage or risk to the crew. Race officials may require a damaged boat to retire.
- c) When a boat’s finishing position is materially prejudiced by equipment failure clearly not the fault of the boat’s crew or by or damage caused by an infringing boat, that boat may be awarded redress.
- d) Redress for Breakdowns - When the Protest Committee is satisfied that redress is warranted, it shall use one of the following methods:
 - i) Unless (c), (ii) or (iii), apply, points shall be awarded as the team’s average score for all other races. However, the boat shall receive its actual finishing place if that place was better than the average score. Decimals are rounded to the nearest integer, rounding up .5. Such compensation may result in two (2) boats having the same score.
 - ii) If the breakdown occurred at or near the finishing line and the boat’s position was clearly secure, she may be scored in that position. Even though other boats may have finished ahead of the breakdown boat, such boats shall be scored as having finished behind the boat given redress.
 - iii) When method (c) or (i), above, clearly does not yield a fair scoring of a team’s performance in that race and (c) or (ii), above, does not apply, the Protest Committee may award redress that is more equitable for that team.

C3 This is intended to guide competitors, RC, and judges and umpires in the application of redress, but not to limit the authority of judges and umpires in resolving individual cases equitably.

C4 Competitors are expected to use reasonable care and seamanship in handling boats.

They are also expected to check the likely points of failure of a boat they are about to sail. If they do not do so, they should not expect redress when simple and preventable failures occur.

C5 Tests for qualifying a breakdown for redress should include:

1. Did a piece of equipment break?
2. If so, did a significant loss of finishing position result?
3. Could the failure have been prevented by reasonable inspection and/or adjustment before the race?
4. Was the equipment used in a reasonable or proper manner?

C6 Redress should be awarded only when equipment fails, not for improper handling or poor seamanship. Where on the course the failure occurred (i.e., time and location in the race) should be considered in determining whether it caused a significant loss of finishing position.

Addendum D

Regatta Format and Scoring

D1. COURSE, VENUE & RACING AREA

- a. Windward leeward race courses (with or without a gate) are planned for this event.
- b. The Event venue will be Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Macatawa, Michigan.
- c. The course area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 1.0 nm from the Holland Pier Head.

D2. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. RRS Appendix UF, as modified in Addendum F will be apply. Races will be umpired, and judges may file protests under RRS 60.3.

D3. RACE FORMAT & SCORING

- a. Race Format
 - i. The event will consist of a windward/leewardcourse.
 - ii. The number of teams accepted and registered for the eventwill be the same as the number of boats available from the host club, the Event will be conducted using a regular fixed fleet.
 - iii. Fleet racing format (with teams rotating amongst boats daily as determined by OA). Ten (10) races are scheduled. A minimum of three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.
 - iv. In attempt to protect MBYC member's boats, no race will be started or run when sustained winds exceed an average of 17 knots or gust to 22 knots or more.
 - v. Boat assignments will be by random draw at the competitors meeting and daily boat rotations will be posted each day
- b. Scoring: Races will be scored using RRS A (see Addendum E), No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1

Addendum E

Penalties for Damage Resulting from Contact between Boats

WS Addendum Q5.5 gives the protest committee the ability to protest and penalize a boat that breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

Damage will be divided into 3 levels as shown in the following table:

Level	Extent	Effect	Pts Penalty
Level A: Minor Damage	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.	20%
Level B: Damage	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.	50%
Level C: Major Damage	The normal operation of the boat is compromised, and its structural integrity may be impaired.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.	100%

When both teams break RRS 14, they should both receive a points penalty. If a competitor requests a hearing when a points penalty is imposed, the protest committee may decide (in the hearing) to give a greater penalty.

The penalty will be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to the specified percentage of the number of teams entered in the regatta, but never less than 2 points.

Deductions from Damage Deposits

The assessment of damage level is only for the purpose of points penalties and is not linked to any deductions from the competitor's damage deposits.

Any points penalty will be based on the assessment of damage level made on the water. Subsequent assessments of the damage level after closer inspection, whether the level turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the points penalty given on the water.

Addendum F

APPENDIX UF UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or maneuvering to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’

UF1.2 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.’

UF1.3 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.

UF1.4 Rule 70 is deleted.

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 The first paragraph of Rule 44.1 is changed to read: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, rule 31 or rule 42 in an incident while *racing*.”

UF2.2 A boat that plans to take a voluntary One-Turn Penalty shall clarify her intention to do so by making an arm signal waving a hand over the head or making a verbal hail, such that it is clearly evident to both the umpires and the protesting boat that she intends to take a penalty in compliance with rule 44.2.

Add the following [limitations] to rule 44.2:

(a) “When a boat plans to take a penalty for an incident in the zone of the windward mark, or on the leg to or in the zone of the offset mark, she shall delay sailing to get well clear of other boats until she has passed the offset mark and cleared its zone. For an incident at a leeward gate mark or leeward mark, she shall delay getting well clear until she has passed that mark and cleared its zone.”

(b) “A boat taking a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty shall have the spinnaker head below the main-boom gooseneck each time she passes head to wind.”

UF2.3 Rule 60.1 is changed to: ‘A boat may protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 unless she was involved in the incident.’

UF2.4 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

UF2.5 The three sentences of rule 64.2 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.”

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 Protests by Boats

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:

- (a) 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) Boats shall be given time to respond.
- (c) An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and is not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.
- (d) An umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule UF3.3.

UF3.2 Penalties Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) An umpire may penalize a boat without a *protest* by another boat, or report the incident to the protest committee, or both, when the boat
 - (1) breaks rule 31 or 42 and does not take a penalty.
 - (2) gains an advantage despite taking a voluntary or imposed penalty.
 - (3) clearly indicates that she will take a penalty and fails to do so.
 - (4) fails to take a penalty signaled by an umpire.
 - (5) commits a breach of sportsmanship.
- (b) An umpire may impose a 'one-point penalty' without a hearing for any breach of a boat handling rule in **Addendum A** and shall report any such breaches to the Race Committee. No umpire signal will be made.
- (c) When there is contact between boats that causes damage or injury, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage or injury resulted, they may report the incident to the protest committee.

UF3.3 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed'. The umpire will hail or signal to identify each boat penalized.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means the incident may be reported to the protest committee.

UF3.4 Penalties Imposed by Umpires

- (a) A boat penalized by an umpire in response to a protest by another boat shall take a Two-Turns Penalty. However,
- (b) When an umpire penalizes a boat without a protest by another the boat shall take the number of One-Turn Penalties hailed or signaled by the umpire.

UF3.5 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AFTER A RACE

UF4.1 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation on **VHF channel 68**. 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 and inform competitors of these changes. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are communicated.

UF4.2 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule of Part 2, rule 31 or rule 42,

- (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.

UF4.3 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF4.2.

UF4.4 The race committee will not protest a boat.

UF4.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking a rule of Part 2 including rule 14 unless there is damage or injury, rule 31 or rule 42.

UF4.6 The time limit defined in rule UF4.2 also applies to protests under rule UF4.5 and when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF4.7 Protest/Redress Filing requirements

- (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 the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) 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.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF4.8(d), or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.