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## New Appendix 6

### V2-ADDENDUM U

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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

These sailing instructions change the definitions Clear Ahead and Clear Stern; Overlap, Finish, Mark-Room, Obstruction, Proper Course, Start and rules 13, 17, 18, 20, 24, 29, 31, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3, Appendix A and adds new definition OCS and new rule 7.

#### 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 1, 2, 3 and 4

- (a) The definition of Clear Ahead and Clear Astern; Overlap is changed to:  
'One boat is *clear astern* of another when both of her hulls ~~or bowsprit~~ are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hulls. However, a boat with either bow ~~or bowsprit~~ between the other boat's hulls is *clear astern*. The other boat is *clear ahead*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern*. However, they also *overlap* when a boat between them *overlaps* both.'
- (b) The definition of Finish is changed to: 'A boat *finishes* when any part of her hulls cross 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 finishing line.'
- (c) 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. If *room* includes a change of *tack*, such *tack* or gybe shall be done no quicker than a *tack* or gybe to sail her *proper course*.'
- (d) The third sentence of the definition of Obstruction is changed to: 'However, a boat *racing* is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her or, if rule 23 applies, avoid her or, if she is required to give *mark-room* to them.'
- (e) The definition of Start is changed to: 'A boat *starts* when:
  - (a) having had her hulls entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, any part of her hulls cross the starting line in the direction of the first *mark*, or
  - (b) having crossed the starting line in the direction of the first *mark* and been identified as OCS, she completes a penalty for OCS.
- (f) Add new definition OCS: 'A boat is OCS when at her starting signal any part of her hulls are on the course side of the starting line.'
- (g) Add to rule 2: 'When *racing*, a boat need not take a penalty unless signalled to do so by an umpire.'
- (h) Add new rule 7: '**LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY** – The umpires will assume that the state of the boat, or her relationship to the other boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'
- (i) Rule 13 is deleted.
- (j) Add 16.2 When sailing to a mark that is to windward, a starboard-tack boat shall not bear away to a course that is below her proper course and more than 90 degrees from the true wind direction if at that moment the port-tack boat that is keeping clear by sailing a course to pass astern of her has to immediately change course to continue keeping clear.  
16.3 When sailing to a mark that is to leeward, a starboard-tack boat shall not luff to a course that is above her proper course and less than 90 degrees from the true wind direction if at that moment the port-tack boat that is keeping clear by sailing a course to pass astern of her has to immediately change course to continue keeping clear.
- (k) Rule 17 is deleted.
- (l) Rule 18 is changed to:

## **18 MARK ROOM**

### **18.1 When Rule 18 Applies**

Rule 18 applies between *boats* when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a *boat* approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

### **18.2 Giving Mark-Room**

- (a) When the first *boat* reaches the *zone*,
  - (1) if *boats* are *overlapped*, the outside *boat* at that moment shall thereafter give the inside *boat mark-room*.
  - (2) if *boats* are not *overlapped*, the *boat* that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.
- (b) If the boat entitled to mark-room leaves the zone, the entitlement to mark-room ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.
- (c) If a boat obtained an inside overlap and, from the time the overlap began, the outside boat is unable to give mark-room, she is not required to give it.

### **18.3 Tacking or Gybing**

When an inside overlapped right-of-way boat must change tack at a mark to sail her proper course, until she changes tacks she shall sail no farther from the mark than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate mark or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

- (m) Rule 20 is changed to:

## **20 ROOM TO TACK OR GYBE AT AN OBSTRUCTION**

When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (1) for 'Room to tack' or 'Room to gybe', repeatedly and clearly pointing toward the other boat; and
- (2) for 'You tack' or 'You gybe', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm toward herself.

### **20.1 Hailing**

When approaching an *obstruction*, a boat may hail for *room* to tack and avoid or gybe and avoid a boat on the same tack. However she shall not hail if

- (a) she can avoid the *obstruction* safely without making a substantial course change,
- (b) she is sailing below close-hauled for tacking and above 90 degrees to the wind for gybing, or
- (c) the *obstruction* is a *mark* and a boat that is *fetching* it would be required to respond and change course.
- (d) the *obstruction* is a boat *racing*.

### **20.2 Responding**

- (a) After a boat hails, she shall give the hailed boat time to respond.
- (b) The hailed boat shall respond even if the hail breaks rule 20.1.
- (c) The hailed boat shall respond either by tacking or gybing as soon as possible, or by immediately replying 'You tack' for tack or 'You gybe' for gybe and then giving the hailing boat *room* to tack and avoid her or gybe and avoid her.
- (d) When the hailed boat responds, the hailing boat shall tack or gybe as soon as possible.

### **20.3 Passing On a Hail to an Additional Boat**

When a boat has been hailed for *room* to tack or gybe and she intends to respond by tacking or gybing, she may hail another boat on the same *tack* for *room* to tack and avoid her or gybe and avoid her. She may hail even if her hail does not meet the conditions of rule 20.1. Rule 20.2 applies between her and the boat she hails.

- (n) Rule 22.2 is changed to: 'A boat taking a penalty, other than a penalty for OCS, shall keep clear of one that is not.'

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- (o) Rule 22.3 is deleted.
- (p) Rule 24.1 is changed to: 'if reasonably possible, a boat not *racing* shall not interfere with a boat that is *racing* or an umpire boat.'
- (q) Add new rule 24.4: 'A boat taking a penalty for OCS shall not sail a course other than a *proper course* of a boat without a penalty if as a result a *keep clear* boat sailing her *proper course* must change course to *keep clear*.'
- (r) Rule 29.1 is changed to: 'When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hulls are on the course side of the starting line the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have completed a penalty for OCS.'
- (s) blank
- (t) Add new rule 41(e): 'help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.'
- (u) Rule 44 is deleted.
- (v) Add to the end of the last sentence of rule 47.2: 'unless that person was placed on board by the OA and they have been retrieved from the water by a support boat or official boat.'

#### **Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration**

- (a) A boat may take a penalty as described in Q3.2 (a) 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) 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.'
- (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (d) 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.

#### **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.

**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 penalty as described in Q3.2(a). 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** 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 within 2 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the race. No red flag is required.

**Q2.4** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.3.

#### **Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS, IMPOSED PENALTIES AND PENALTIES FOR OCS**

**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.

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- (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 penalty by completing one of the following:
- (1) Two consecutive gybes where the boom crosses the centreline and the mainsail fills each time and during the second of which the boat is not foiling.
  - (2) Two tacks.
  - (3) Gybe and as soon as reasonably possible turn to a close hauled course.
- (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.
- (c) After she has *started*, a boat may not take a penalty under Q3.2(a) on leg 1.
- Q3.3** (a) A boat identified as OCS shall take a penalty on leg 1, by crossing the extension of the line from the centre of the leeward gate through mark 1 *clear astern* of all boats excluding those identified as delayed starters (more than 10 seconds late) by the race committee.
- (b) When sailing a Course where the first leg is to windward, sail from the course side across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.

**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 penalties to be taken as described in Q3.2(a), 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.

- Q4.4** (a) When the umpires observe or receive a report of "hard" contact (defined as hull, spars or rigging against another boats hull, spars or rigging), between boats they will impose a two-point penalty on the boat that broke a rule in the incident and a one-point penalty on the other boat without a hearing. The penalty on the other boat may be waived.
- (b) When there is contact that causes damage the umpires may impose further penalties on either one or both boats which may include exclusion from races not yet started.
- (c) If the umpires receive and can verify a report of hard contact that causes damage, or have incomplete facts to make a decision on an incident they observe that causes damage they will award a two-point penalty to all boats involved.

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**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) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1.
- Q5.6** The Class Manager (or its representative) may,
- (a) Ask for redress on behalf of a boat.
  - (b) May report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 69.1(a).