



Nacra 17 World Championship 2015 including Nacra 17 Junior World Championship

A Nacra Sailing International Event

July 2 – July 10

Kaløvig, Aarhus - Denmark

The Organizing Authority is Kaløvig Sailing Club, Sailing Aarhus (Organizer)
and the International Nacra 17 Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence
- 1.5 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.6 For Medal Races, ISAF Addendum Q, *Umpired Fleet Racing*, will apply and takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.7 Add Class Rule A.10.1(c) - Competitors may use the sail number of any hull still owned by them on any boat chartered or owned by them.

2. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 2.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.2 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.3 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible after returning ashore.



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- 2.4 Boats retiring from racing in accordance with SI 2.3 shall complete a retirement declaration form at the Race Office before the protest time limit.
- 2.5 Boats not racing shall remain clear of boats that are racing and official boats.
- 2.6 In accordance with NOR 15 (Berthing), boats shall return to and remain in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 2.7 When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor VHF 77 for search and rescue instructions.
- 2.8 Boats that, for any reason, arrive ashore far from the venue and cannot reach their assigned places in the boat park by their own means, shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.9 Additional Safety Information: Race Office will handle all security matters and may be reached by phone + 45 2082 9292.

3. [NP][DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 3.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the Organizing Authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the Race Office. Notices may also be posted on the event web site.
- 4.2 When a visual signal is displayed over a fleet flag, the signal applies only to that fleet. This changes the Race Signals preamble.
- 4.3 Signals ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the dinghy park.
- 4.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the beach. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2 When any SI addendum is changed, an updated version of it will be posted on the Official Notice Board as part of these sailing instructions.
- 5.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be approved by the Principle Race Officer and the International Nacra Class Course Representative.



6. FORMAT OF RACING

6.1 The format consists of a single or split fleet Qualification Series, a single or split fleet Final Series, and a Medal Race. Depending on the number of entries, the Qualification Series and Final Series for each event may be sailed in a single fleet or in split fleets as described below. For boats not assigned to compete in the Medal Race the last sailed Series will be extended by one more race.

6.2 Qualifying Series

6.2.1 Boats will be assigned to Yellow and Blue fleets of as nearly as possible equal size and ability. Initial assignments will be made by a Seeding Committee appointed by the Race Committee. Those assignments will be posted by 2100 on the day before the first scheduled race.

6.2.2 Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day fewer than two races are completed by both fleets. If both fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If both fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by both fleets.

Reassignments will be made as follows:

<i>Rank in series</i>	<i>Fleet assignment</i>
First	Yellow
Second	Blue
Third	Blue
Fourth	Yellow
Fifth	Yellow
Sixth	Blue
Seventh	Blue
Eighth	Yellow
and so on	

If two or more boats have the same rank, they will be entered in the left column in the order of fleets in SI 6.2.1.

6.2.3 Assignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

6.2.4 If all fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleets with fewer races will continue racing the following day until all fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.



6.3 Final Series

6.3.1 A Final Series will be scheduled with 3 or more qualification races completed.

6.3.2 Boats will be assigned to the Gold or Silver fleets on the basis of their ranks in the Qualifying Series. The Gold Series fleet will consist of 50% of boats racing in the Qualifying series. Boats with the best Qualifying Series ranks will race all Final Series races in the Gold fleet.

6.3.3 Any recalculation of Final Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Gold Series fleets will not effect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

6.4 Medal Race

6.4.1 A Medal Race will be scheduled with 3 or more final races completed.

6.4.2 Assignments to the Medal Race scheduled on Friday July 10 will be based on the ranking available at 0900 on the day of the Medal Race. The International Jury may extend the time limit.

6.4.3 Ten boats will be assigned to the Medal Race.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 The total number of races scheduled including the Medal Race, if any, is shown in SI Addendum C.

7.2 The daily race schedule and the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race are shown in SI Addendum C.

7.3 Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on a following day at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7.4 The Qualifying Series will take place from Sunday July 5 to Tuesday July 7 and the Final Series will take place from Wednesday July 8 to Thursday July 9. The Medal Race, if any, will take place on Friday July 10. For boats not qualified for the Medal Race, a last race will take place on the same day as the Medal Race.

7.5 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

7.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600.

8. COURSE AREAS

8.1 The course areas are shown in SI Addendum A.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



10. MARKS

- 10.1 Mark 1 will be a yellow cylinder and Mark 4, or associated gate marks, will be yellow cylinders. New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be of the same shape and colour as the original marks.
- 10.2 The starting line marks will be Race Committee vessels, or a Race Committee vessel and a flag buoy. The finishing line marks will be a Race Committee vessel and a flag buoy.
- 10.3 Offset marks will be flag buoys with yellow flags.

11. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the Nacra class insignia on the following background:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Background</i>
Single Fleet, Medal Race, Practice Race	White
Split Fleet Qualification Series	
Yellow Fleet	Yellow
Blue Fleet	Blue
Split Fleet Final Series	
Gold Fleet	Yellow
Silver Fleet	Blue

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and either
- (a) a flag buoy with an orange flag at the port end, or
 - (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the port end.
- 12.2 [DP] A buoy may be attached to the Race Committee vessel anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Race Committee vessel at any time. This buoy is part of the Race Committee vessel ground tackle.
- 12.3 [DP] When a starting sequence is on progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 12.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26 Starting Races and RRS 63.1.

When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not



apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

- 12.5 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

13 COURSE CHANGES

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark, the finishing line, or the leeward gate to a new position.
- 13.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and either

- (a) the course side of a buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end, or
- (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the port end.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Except for the Medal Race, time limits and target time are as follows:

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
50	20	10	30

- 15.2 Time limits and target time for the Medal Race are as follows:

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
40	none	5	20

- 15.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.



16. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 A boat shall comply with the Equipment Inspection Regulations (EIR), which shall be displayed on the Official Notice Board from the time of registration and available from the event website.
- 16.2 A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by an Equipment Inspector.

17. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1 Official boats may be marked as follows:
- Equipment Inspection – flags with 'MEASURER' or 'M'
 - First aid/Medical – flags with 'RED CROSS'
 - Jury/Judges – flags with 'JURY' or 'J'
 - Media – flags with 'PRESS'
 - Race Committee – 'RC' flag
- 18.2 Actions by official boats, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

19. [DP] COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 19.1 Support boats shall be marked in compliance with NOR 14.2.
- 19.2 Support boats shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 19.3 Support boats shall not be positioned:
- 19.3.1 Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing.
 - 19.3.2 Within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
 - 19.3.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - 19.3.4 Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses.
 - 19.3.5 Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - 19.3.6 Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 19.4 In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.



- 19.5 Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 19.6 Additional restrictions apply to the Medal Race and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 19.7 The International Jury may direct the Organizing Authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of SI 19.
- 19.8 Except for SI 19.1, these instructions shall also apply to spectator boats. Except one Spectator boat of the organisation may be in the Course Area. This boat will be anchored.

20. [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING WHILE RACING

- 20.1 Each Final Series day, except for the first day, the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall display a coloured dot to be applied to the mainsail and wear bibs handed out at the Race Office. The Organizing Authority will supply the coloured dots and instructions for their use. Bibs must be returned to the Race Office at the end of that days racing.
- 20.2 Boats shall display bow numbers. The Organizing Authority will supply the numbers (replacement will be charged for) and instructions for their use.
- 20.3 Boats shall display required event sponsor advertising. The Organizing Authority will supply the advertising and instructions for their use.
- 20.4 For split fleet series, boats shall display a coloured band or ribbon corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned. The Organizing Authority will supply the bands or ribbons and instructions for their use.

21. SCORING

- 21.1 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 21.2 RRS A4.2 is changed so that those scores are based on,
 - (a) The number of boats assigned to compete in a single fleet series, or
 - (b) The number of boats assigned to the largest fleet in a Split Fleet Qualification Series, or
 - (c) The number of boats assigned to the fleet in the Final Series or Medal Race.
 - (d) The number of boats in the Gold fleet not assigned to the Medal Race and scheduled to an additional race on the last day. For those competitors not assigned to the Medal Race and scheduled to an additional race on the last day, the first finisher will score 1 point, 2nd 2 points and so on.
- 21.3 A boat's race score shall be,
 - 21.3.1 In each Series, a boat's score shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2
 - 21.3.2 When fewer than 5 races in Qualification Series have been completed, a boat's Qualification Series score will be the total of her race scores.



- 21.3.3 When 5 or more races in Qualification Series races have been completed, a boat's Qualification Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 21.3.4 When fewer than 5 races in Final Series have been completed, a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 21.3.5 When 5 or more races in Final Series races have been completed, a boat's Final Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 21.3.6 For the Medal Race, the boat's Qualification Series and Final Series total race scores together excluding any worst scores, shall be used as the initial race score and added to the race score for the Medal Race. RRS A4.1 is changed so that the points of the Medal Race are doubled. However, the score from the Medal Race shall not be excluded.
- 21.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available from the race office.
- 21.5 Three Qualification Series races are required to constitute a regatta.
- 21.5.1 If at the end of the Qualifying Series some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 21.5.2 For Final Rankings, boats assigned to the Gold fleet will be ranked higher in the regatta than boats assigned to the Silver fleet, and so on. This may not apply to a boat disqualified under RRS 5 or 69.
- 21.6 Qualifying and Final Series ties are broken in accordance with RRS A8.2.
- 21.7 Medal Race
- 21.7.1 The boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race will be ranked highest in the regatta. This may not apply to a boat disqualified under RRS 5 or 69.
- 21.7.2 Ties.
- For boats competing in the Medal Race, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Medal Race score. This changes RRS A8. However, for boats with the same points score in the Medal race, ties in the regatta score are broken applying RRS A8 to the total scores of the Qualification and Final Series scores together, excluding any worst scores.
- 21.8 A boat assigned to compete in the Medal Race shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the boat in last place in that stage of the regatta. If there are two such boats, they will be ranked last and second last, in order of their total Qualification and Final Series ranks and so on. This changes RRS A2.



22. PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 22.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located at the Nacra Worlds Event Centre. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 22.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 22.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the Nacra Worlds Event venue beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of protest time.
- 22.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 22.5 Penalties for breaches of class rules, or NOR 1.5 and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the International Jury. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the Race Office.
- 22.6 Breaches of rules in the SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 22.7 For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the Race Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.
- 22.8 On the last day of the Qualifying Series or Final Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 22.9 On the last day of the Qualifying Series or Final Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

23. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.



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24. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

25. PRIZES

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats in the Medal Race, if any, or Gold Fleet; the winner in the Silver Fleet and the best Junior team (< 24 years at the 31 December 2015). The Organizing Authority may award additional prizes.



ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREA



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ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

L

Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish

LR

Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LR2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish

LRA

Course: Same as Course LR except with offset Mark 1A

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LR2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish
LR4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4p - Finish



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ADDENDUM C – SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday			
Practice Race			
1400	All	P1	LRA2

Sunday Qualification Series				Monday Qualification Series			
1100	Yellow Fleet	Q 1	LRA2	1100	Blue Fleet	Q 4	LRA2
asap	Yellow Fleet	Q 2	LRA2	asap	Blue Fleet	Q 5	LRA2
asap	Yellow Fleet	Q 3	LRA2	asap	Blue Fleet	Q 6	LRA2
1400	Blue Fleet	Q 1	LRA2	1400	Yellow Fleet	Q 4	LRA2
asap	Blue Fleet	Q 2	LRA2	asap	Yellow Fleet	Q 5	LRA2
asap	Blue Fleet	Q 3	LRA2	asap	Yellow Fleet	Q 6	LRA2

Tuesday Qualification Series				Wednesday Final Series			
1100	Yellow Fleet	Q 7	LRA2	1100	Gold (Top 25)	F 1	LRA2
asap	Yellow Fleet	Q 8	LRA2	asap	Gold (Top 25)	F 2	LRA2
				asap	Gold (Top 25)	F 3	LRA2
1300	Blue Fleet	Q 7	LRA2	1400	Silver	F 1	LRA2
asap	Blue Fleet	Q 8	LRA2	asap	Silver	F 2	LRA2
				asap	Silver	F 3	LRA2

Thursday Final Series				Friday Last Race and Medal Race			
1100	Silver	F 4	LRA2	1100	Silver	F 7	LRA2
asap	Silver	F 5	LRA2				
asap	Silver	F 6	LRA2	1230	Gold (11 – 25)	F 7	L2
1400	Gold (Top 25)	F 4	LRA2	1430	Gold (Top 10)	MR 1	L2
asap	Gold (Top 25)	F 5	LRA2				
asap	Gold (Top 25)	F 6	LRA2				

ADDENDUM Q - UMPIRED FLEET RACES



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

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Marginal marks indicate important changes from the previous version.

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B5.

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 2 and Part 4

(a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

(b) When rule 20 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.

Instruction Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards.

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 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) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.

(c) 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.'

(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) 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.

(g) 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 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 need not display a red flag.



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- 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 as described in rule 44.2. 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** 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 for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.
- Q2.4** 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 before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.
- 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** 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.
 - (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 One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.
 - (b) 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 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,



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an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, 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.

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), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

