

## **ADDENDUM Q**

### **UMPIRED FLEET RACING**

*Under rule 86.2 and Regulation 28.1.3, the ISAF has approved the use of these sailing instructions as an addendum to the sailing instructions for Open BIC Class sanctioned events with umpired fleet racing, from July 1st, 2015 and until changed. 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.*

***When Addendum Q is printed in the sailing instructions, this paragraph and the two paragraphs above should be deleted. Nothing below should be changed or deleted.***

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.

#### **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) 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.

(e) Rules P1 to P3 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' at the first reasonable opportunity.

**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, when the last boat of a fleet arrived, 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 a Part 2 rule except rule 14.
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (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 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.