



Appendix U

DIRECT JUDGING

All competitors are expected to adhere to the Basic Principle – “Sportsmanship and the Rules” set out in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), that when a boat breaks a rule and is not exonerated, she will promptly take an appropriate penalty – whether protested or not.

These Sailing Instructions do not prevent a boat from protesting another boat, nor do they negate a competitor’s responsibility to adhere to the Basic Principles.

These sailing instructions allow a judge to react if the judge witnesses a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, RRS 31, or specific class rules (bowsprit extension, hiking limitations, for example), and depending on the sailing instruction option selected, to penalize a boat that has not complied with RRS 44.1 – Taking a Penalty.

When Direct Judging is to be used, the notice of race shall contain a statement to that effect in accordance with RRS Appendix J1.

To be effective and encourage compliance with the rules, the penalties that may be taken at the time of an incident by a boat shall be changed and supplemented by the sailing instructions, depending on which is being used – RRS Appendix L or RRS Appendix S.

Guidance for Use

For Sailing Instructions built using Appendix LG, Sailing Instruction Guide, delete Appendix L instructions 15.1 and 15.2 15.1 and 15.2 below.

For Sailing Instructions using Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, add a new section “15 Penalties” and add 15.1 and 15.2 below. Note, there may not be an instruction 14, but this should be kept as instruction 15 to avoid errors with cross references.

15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, except that if the breach is within the zone or a judge signals a penalty identifying a boat, it shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

15.2 JUDGE ACTIONS ON THE WATER

15.2.1 Protests by a boat

A boat may protest another boat in accordance with RRS 60. However, if a judge signals a penalty as described in SI 15.2.2(a), the protesting boat shall remove her red flag and take no further action.

15.2.2 Penalties initiated or signalled by the judge

- (a) When a judge decides that a boat has broken a rule of RRS Part 2, RRS 31 or class rule(s) _____ (*specify the class rule(s)*), the judge will make one sound signal, display a red flag and identify the boat by hailing. The identified boat shall take a penalty by complying with SI 15.1. If the boat does not take a penalty, she shall be disqualified without a hearing as provided by RRS 60.5(b)(3).

- (b) Any action or non-action by a judge under SI 15.2.2(a) shall not be grounds for a request for redress. Jury boats may be positioned anywhere in the course area and this positioning shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).