



2017 International Women's Keelboat Championship

For Bengt Julin Trophy

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Valle de Bravo, Estado de Mexico, MEXICO

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing

Host: Club de Vela La Peña A.C.

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/iwkc/>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) or notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[QP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that the penalty for breaking that rule will be handled in accordance with SI Addendum Q4.1 or Q5.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 US Sailing prescriptions that apply are stated in Notice of Race (NoR) Attachment A.

1.3 The following additional documents will govern the event:

(a) US Sailing Regulation 10 (Championships and other US Sailing events), available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Bylaws/RegsAmended2015-06-22.pdf>

(c) SI Attachments A, B, C, D, E, and F

(b) SI Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing

1.4 [QP] Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device approved by the U.S. Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country) at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to RRS Part 4.

1.5 RRS 31 is changed to "While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. In addition, while racing, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a mark."

1.6 The event is being sailed in J/70 type boats provided by the OA. The J/70 class rules do not apply.

1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.



2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the pedestrian entrance to the Club House, in the entrance courtyard bulletin board.
- 2.2 The race committee intends to use VHF Channel 72 to communicate with competitors and coaches while on the water.
- 2.3 [DP] Skippers shall attend the daily morning briefing held in the small television room behind the clubhouse bar.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the SIs made ashore will be posted no later than 30 minutes before the start of the first race in which they take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the clubhouse mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The schedule for the regatta is as follows:

Date	Time (ET)	Activity
Sun, Aug 13	1800 to 2000	Onsite registration
Mon, Aug 14	0800 to 1100	Onsite Registration
	1200	Warning signal for practice racing
Tue, Aug 16 - Fri, Aug 19	0900	Daily morning briefing
	1100	The first warning signal of the day
Fri, Aug 19	1500	Latest warning signal
	At gala dinner party	Prize giving

6 RACING AREAS

SI Attachment B shows the location of racing areas.

7 FORMAT AND BOAT ASSIGNMENTS

- 7.1 SI Attachment E describes the format for racing.
- 7.2 SI Attachment F shows the assignment of teams to boats and will be distributed to teams at the first morning briefing.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be windward/leeward courses. The diagram shows the course layout, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

No Course Flag:	Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish	
Flag 1:	Start, 1, Finish	
Flag 3:	Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish	

- 8.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

- 8.3 [QP] When flag G is displayed on the race committee signal vessel prior to the warning signal, boats may not use spinnakers in that race.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron. Marks 2s and 2p will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 New Mark 1, as provided in SI 12.1, will be an green tetrahedron.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel and an orange cube with an orange pole and flag.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

See SI Attachment B.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using SI Attachment C, Sound-Signal Starting System. This replaces RRS 26.



- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting/finishing mark.
- 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- The race committee may change mark 1 by laying a new mark and removing the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The change will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting/finishing mark.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1 SI Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing will apply.
- 14.2 When the umpires decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 in an incident where there is damage, they may impose score penalties in accordance with SI Attachment D without a hearing. The boat(s) shall be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing, in which case the umpires shall report the incident to the PC who shall proceed in accordance with SI Addendum Q5.3. Any penalty decided by the protest committee may be more than the penalty imposed by the umpires. This changes RRS 64.1 and A4. A boat may still protest another boat under rule 14 in accordance with SI Addendum Q2.4(b).
- 15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
- 15.1 The target time for a race will be 15 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for a race is 25 minutes.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the jury desk located in the RC office at the corner of the entrance courtyard to the Club House. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The time limit will be posted on the notice board.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Bridge Room in the clubhouse.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the technical committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 17 SCORING**
- 17.1 The scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A as modified by SI Attachment E.
- 17.2 A minimum of 10 races are required to constitute a regatta.
- 18 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS**
- 18.1 Before the warning signal of a race or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display flag L to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to a position just to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- 18.2 The time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.
- 18.3 After the warning signal of a race, a race will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 18.1.
- 18.4 Failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the warning signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 19 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW**
- Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.



20 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may display event advertising supplied by the OA on the hull and sails.

21 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be described at the first briefing.

22 SUPPORT VESSELS

22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

22.2 Coaches shall obey the SIs and instructions from the OA, race committee, or jury. If a coach fails to do so, the OA may remove the coach's credentials, ban the coach from the venue, and/or prohibit the coach from communicating with boats on the water.

22.3 [DP] Competitors may neither have contact nor communicate afloat or ashore at the venue with a coach whose credentials have been removed by the OA.

23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes for 1st through 5th place overall will be awarded to skippers and crews.

23.2 The winner's name will be engraved on the Bengt Julin Trophy.

23.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

24 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES (Per US Sailing Regulation 10.03)

24.1 For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law.

24.2 For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: (1) marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or (2) any alcoholic beverages.

24.3 An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



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SI ATTACHMENT A - Rules for Handling Boats

A1 GENERAL

- A1.1 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or the jury.
- A1.2 The crew sailing the boat shall report any damage or problem with the boat, before turning over a boat to the next crew. This shall be done by completing a Check-In Form and turning it in to the bosun during on-water boat swaps or ashore after the last race for the boat each day.
- 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.
- A1.4 Penalties for breaking rules of this attachment are as follows:
- (a) While racing and when marked [QP], the penalty will be initiated by an umpire according to SI Addendum Q4.1.
 - (b) When marked [DMG], the breach will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.
 - (c) Other breaches will be handled according to SI Addendum Q5.

A2 SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT

- A2.1 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 attachment.
- A2.2 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- A2.3 The following non-fixed items, provided by the OA, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the Check-In Form.

SAILS and SAILING EQUIPMENT

- Mainsail and set of battens
- Headsail and headsail battens
- Spinnaker
- Spinnaker sheets
- Headsail sheets
- Backstay adjustment line
- Tack line
- Tiller extension
- Jib cars
- Mainsail and Spinnaker bags
- Companionway hatch and door

OTHER GEAR

- Sound signal device
- Bucket
- Sponge
- Bilge pump
- First Aid kit

Two mooring lines

Two fenders

A3 MANDATORY ACTIONS

- A3.1 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- A3.2 Boats shall obey speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.
- A3.3 [DMG] At the end of each sailing day, competitors shall
 - (a) roll, bag, and stow the main sail.
 - (b) leave the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
 - (c) release backstay tension
 - (d) remove all tape and trash, cover with companionway hatch and door

A4 PERMITTED ACTIONS

- A4.1 The following equipment may be brought aboard by competitors:
 - (a) basic hand tools
 - (b) rigging tape (but not duct tape)
 - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 - (d) marking pens
 - (e) tell tale material (not to be put on sails)
 - (f) hand held compasses, watches, timers, and small personal video devices such as GoPro
 - (g) shackles and clevis pins
 - (h) velcro tape
 - (i) spare red protest flag
 - (j) VHF radio or mobile phone
- A4.2 Competitors may use the equipment in A4.1 to:
 - (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
 - (b) attach tell tales (but not to sails)
 - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
 - (d) mark control settings with tape or by marking on tape only
 - (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
 - (f) make signals as per SI Addendum Q2
 - (g) Communication
- A4.3 The backstay may be adjusted.

A5 PROHIBITED ACTIONS

- A5.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- A5.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- A5.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- A5.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that damage would result.
- A5.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- A5.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- A5.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while flag AP is displayed ashore.
- A5.8 Hauling out a boat.
- A5.9 Heeling a boat using the mast or shrouds in order to clean the hull.

- A5.10 [DMG] Marking directly on the hull, deck, sails or lines. Sail rigging tape may be used to mark control lines or the deck, provided it does not leave a residue (use of duct tape is strictly prohibited). Marking pens may be used on sail rigging tape.
- A5.11 Adjusting cockpit safety lines tension.
- A5.12 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- A5.13 [QP] Cross winching foresail sheets.
- A5.14 [QP] Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang.
- A5.15 [DMG] Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- A5.16 [DMG] Perforating sails or modifying the sails in any way.
- A5.18 The use of electronic or navigation equipment, unless permitted by A4.
- A5.19 [QP] Roll tacking and gybing
- (a) Crew shall not use the mast, or shrouds (including any inner shrouds) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard.
 - (b) Crew shall not stand and lean out over the cockpit safety lines or stern rails to promote rolling the boat.
- A5.20 [QP] Crew Positioning while racing
- (a) Except for momentary sail handling and/or repair needs, crew shall remain aft of the mast while on deck.
 - (b) While seated on deck, crew shall have the base of their spine on the deck and inboard of the cockpit safety lines at all times.
 - (c) Not more than two crew may have their legs outboard of the sheerline.
- A5.21 [QP] Bowsprit
- (a) The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at all times except when the spinnaker is being set, is set, or is being retrieved, and shall be retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after the retrieval.
 - (b) After entering the zone of a rounding mark without a spinnaker set, the bowsprit may not be extended until the bow of the boat passes the rounding mark.
 - (c) An extended bowsprit shall not be considered part of the boat for the purposes of establishing an overlap, or establishing right of way, unless the spinnaker is set.



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SI ATTACHMENT B - Racing Area





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SI ATTACHMENT C - Sound Signal Starting System

- C1 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.
- C2 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Signal	Sound	Time before start
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Start	1 long	0

- C3 Signals shall be timed from their commencement.
- C4 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention. The race committee may also use VHF radio to announce a sequence.
- C5 Individual and general recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.
- C6 Starting penalties under RRS 30 will be signaled by raising the appropriate flag prior to the warning signal and lowering it 1 minute prior to the start. This changes RRS Race Signals.



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**SI ATTACHMENT D - Penalties for Damage Resulting
from Contact between Boats**

SI 18.3 and SI Addendum Q5 give umpires and the protest committee the ability to 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 boats 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 boats 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.



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SI ATTACHMENT E - Event Format

E1 GENERAL

- E1.1 The RC will decide which boats are to be used for each race and when they decide a boat should not be used, the team assigned that boat will be given the temporary use of another boat.
- E1.2 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.
- E1.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any round or the event when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.
- E1.4 If the RC terminates a round before it is completed, and boats in the round have not sailed the same number of races, ranking the teams will be handled as follows (changes RRS A2 and A8).
 - (a) A boat's ranking will be based on the boat's average points (total points divided by the number of races the boat has sailed).
 - (b) If two or more boats have the same average points, the tie will be broken by
 - (1) if the boats involved in the tie have raced the same number of races, RRS A8 will apply.
 - (2) otherwise, RRS A8.2 only will apply.

E2 STAGE 1 - Qualifying Rounds

- E2.1 Stage 1 is scheduled to consist of two rounds of races with 6 teams competing in each race.
- E2.2 The teams will rotate so that, at the end of each round, each team will have raced 6 races.
- E2.3 The boat assignments and racing schedule are contained in SI Attachment F (to be distributed at the morning briefings).
- E2.4 A boat's score in the stage will be the sum of all her race scores in the stage. This changes RRS A2.
- E2.5 After stage 1, the 4 best ranked teams will advance to stage 3. The remaining teams will advance to a stage 2.

E3 STAGE 2 - Repechage Round

- E3.1 Stage 2 is scheduled to consist of a series of 6 races among the 6 lowest ranked teams from stage 1.
- E3.2 At the end of day 3, stage 2 will be terminated regardless of how many races have been completed.
- E3.3 The teams will begin this stage with points based on their rank in stage 1 (1 point for 5th, 2 points for 6th, etc.).
- E3.4 A boat's score will be the total of her score from E3.3 and all her race scores in stage 2. This changes RRS A2.
- E3.5 If two or more boats are tied, the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS A8 using boats' scores from stage 2 only, with the starting points (E3.3) counting as one race. This changes RRS A8.
- E3.6 The top 2 teams after stage 2 will advanced to stage 3.
- E3.7 For the remaining teams, their final ranking from this stage will determine their final places beginning with 7th.

E4 STAGE 3 - Championship Round

- E4.1 Stage 3 will consist of a series of races with 6 teams competing in each race.
- E4.2 The top 4 boats after stage 1 will begin stage 3 with points equal to their rank in stage 1 (1 point for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, etc.). The best scoring team from stage 2 will begin with 5 points, and the second-best scoring team will begin with 6 points.
- E4.3 A boat's score will be the total of her score from E4.2 and all her race scores in stage 3. This changes RRS A2.
- E4.4 If two or more boats are tied, the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS A8 using boats' scores from stage 3 only, with the starting points (E4.2) counting as one race. This changes RRS A8.
- E4.5 The final ranking for this stage will determine 1st through 6th place in the regatta.



SI ADDENDUM Q - UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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

WS Version: April 27, 2017, adapted for IWKC only to drop unneeded references to boards.

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 in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.'
- (b) [deleted for IWKC]
- (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.

- 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 in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.
- 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, 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. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.
- Q2.4** A boat intending to
- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, 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 instruction 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 in accordance with 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,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with 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 The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to ‘She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.’ A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified 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 rule 28 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. A party to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of 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.
 - (d) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with instruction Q5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat’s score.

Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat.

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 rule 28, a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.