

APPENDIX UF

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

US ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION

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Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or maneuvering to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’

UF1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.’

UF1.3 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

- (a) for Room to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

UF1.4 Rule 70 is deleted.

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 The first paragraph of Rule 44.1 is changed to read: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, rule 31 or rule 42 in an incident while *racing*.”

UF2.2 A boat that plans to take a voluntary One-Turn Penalty shall clarify her intention to do so by making an arm signal waving a hand over the head or making a verbal hail, such that it is clearly evident to both the umpires and the protesting boat that she intends to take a penalty in compliance with rule 44.2.

Add the following [limitations] to rule 44.2:

- (a) “When a boat plans to take a penalty for an incident in the zone of the windward mark, or on the leg to or in the zone of the offset mark, she shall delay sailing to get well clear of other boats until she has passed the offset mark and cleared its zone. For an incident at a leeward gate mark or leeward mark, she shall delay

getting well clear until she has passed that mark and cleared its zone.”

- (b) “A boat taking a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty shall have the spinnaker head below the main-boom gooseneck each time she passes head to wind.”

UF2.3 Rule 60.1 is changed to: ‘A boat may protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 unless she was involved in the incident.’

UF2.4 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

UF2.5 The three sentences of rule 64.2 are replaced with: “When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a *rule*, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.”

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 Protests by Boats

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Boats shall be given time to respond.
- (c) An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and is not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.
- (d) An umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule UF3.3.

UF3.2 Penalties Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) An umpire may penalize a boat without a *protest* by another boat, or report the incident to the protest committee, or both, when the boat
 - (1) breaks rule 31 or 42 and does not take a penalty.
 - (2) gains an advantage despite taking a voluntary or imposed penalty.
 - (3) clearly indicates that she will take a penalty and fails to do so.
 - (4) fails to take a penalty signaled by an umpire.
 - (5) commits a breach of sportsmanship.

The umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule UF3.3.

- (b) An umpire may impose a ‘one-point penalty’ without a hearing for any breach of a boat handling rule in **Addendum A** and shall report any such breaches to the Race Committee. No umpire signal will be made.
- (c) When there is contact between boats that causes damage or injury, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage or injury resulted, they may report the incident to the protest committee.

UF3.3 Umpire Signals

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’. The umpire will hail or signal to identify each boat penalized.
- (c) A black and white flag with one long sound means the incident may be reported to the protest committee.

UF3.4 Penalties Imposed by Umpires

- (a) A boat penalized by an umpire in response to a protest by another boat shall take a Two-Turns Penalty. However,
- (b) When an umpire penalizes a boat without a protest by another the boat shall take the number of One-Turn Penalties hailed or signaled by the umpire.

UF3.5 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AFTER A RACE

UF4.1 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat’s finishing place or scoring abbreviation on **VHF channel 68**. 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 and inform competitors of these changes. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are communicated.

UF4.2 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule of Part 2, rule 31 or rule 42,
- (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.

UF4.3 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF4.2.

UF4.4 The race committee will not protest a boat.

UF4.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking a rule of Part 2 including rule 14 unless there is damage or injury, rule 31 or rule 42.

UF4.6 The time limit defined in rule UF4.2 also applies to protests under rule UF4.5 and when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there

is good reason to do so.

UF4.8 Protest/Redress Filing requirements

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) 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.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF4.8(d), or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.