

US Sailing Adult Championship Mallory Trophy

Q&A – Inquiry #2

Responding to questions from Paul Wilson.

3 - Regarding Sailing Instructions Addendum C, Section C.3, even though “Flag X need not be displayed” for premature starters, does the Race Committee actually intend to display it at this event?

Answer: No. The Race Committee has the discretion to display Flag X but does not intend to.

4 - Appendix UF, Section UF 2.3 has amended RRS 60.1 to eliminate a third-party's ability to protest another boat for an incident she witnesses, but was not involved in. Appendix UF appears to have no provision allowing umpires to initiate a penalty on their own in the case of two boats who hit each other, but do not protest each other. Does this mean that two boats who hit each other may escape penalty if neither protests the other?

Answer: Yes, if no boat involved in an incident protests then the umpires do not penalize either boat. However, under rule UF3.2(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.

5 - Appendix UF, Section UF3.4(a) states that “A boat penalized by an umpire in response to a protest by another boat shall take a Two-Turns Penalty”. There appears to be no exception providing for a One-Turn-Penalty when a competitor breaks RRS 31 (hitting a mark), and umpires are called upon to make a determination in response to a competitor-initiated protest. Is the penalty for hitting a mark actually a Two-Turns-Penalty if umpires impose a penalty after a competitor protests?

Answer: Yes. Under UF3.4a, a boat penalized by an umpire in response to a protest by another boat shall take a Two-Turns Penalty.

Steven Wolff, Chief Umpire

10/20/21: 1912