

APPENDIX UF

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

Wingfoil 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 wingfoil taking a penalty or manoeuvring 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 wingfoil, or her relationship to another wingfoil, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.’

UF1.3 Rule 70 is deleted.

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to:

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A wingfoil may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

UF2.2 Rule WF 5 is deleted.

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 In this appendix, ‘a penalty’ will mean the following:

After getting well clear of other wingfoils as soon after the incident as possible, a wingfoil takes a penalty as follows:

- (a) When on a beat to windward, she shall promptly gybe and, as soon as reasonably possible, luff to a close-hauled course.
- (b) Except on a beat to windward, she shall promptly tack and, as soon as reasonably possible, bear away to a course that is more than ninety degrees from the true wind.

A boat completes a leg of the course when any part of her hull crosses the extension of the line from the previous *mark* through the *mark* she is rounding, or on the last leg when she *finishes*.

When a wingfoil takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she *finishes*.

UF3.2 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: ‘A wingfoil may take a penalty 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. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31’.

UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Wingfoils and Penalties

- (a) While racing, a wingfoil may protest another wingfoil under a rule of Part 2, except rule 14, but only for an incident in which she was involved, or under rule 31. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ at the first reasonable opportunity
- (b) A wingfoil that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a wingfoil involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any wingfoil that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the wingfoil took a penalty voluntarily.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) When a wingfoil
 - (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
 - (2) breaks rule 42,
 - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
 - (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
 - (6) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c),

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another wingfoil. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a wingfoil is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a wingfoil may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), 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.

UF3.5 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 or remains outstanding.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such wingfoil.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means ‘A wingfoil is disqualified.’ The umpire will hail or signal to identify the wingfoil disqualified.

UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A wingfoil penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.

- (b) A wingfoil disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

UF4.1 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each wingfoil'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.

UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.2 A wingfoil intending to

- (a) protest another wingfoil under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another wingfoil under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail the race committee during the display of flag B.

UF5.3 The time limit defined in rule UF5.2 also applies to protests under rule UF5.8, UF5.9 and UF5.10 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF5.4 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.2.

UF5.5 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted. In a race where this appendix applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.

UF5.6 The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: 'When the protest committee decides that a wingfoil 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 wingfoil 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.'

UF5.7 Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (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 scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a wingfoil in accordance with rule UF5.6 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other wingfoils will be informed about the change of the penalized wingfoil's score.

UF5.8 The race committee will not protest a wingfoil.

UF5.9 The protest committee may protest a wingfoil under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a wingfoil for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF5.10 The technical committee will only protest a wingfoil under rule 60.4 when it decides that a wingfoil or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

UF5.11 Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'