



Manifestazione/ Event: Barcolana 51
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Question and Answer Nr. 1

Questions from ARCA

In case of low / zero wind, it is not easy to understand where the wind is coming from or what tack I am sailing on. In respect to RRS 42:

- 1) is there any restriction on the usage of the canting keel?
- 2) how often can I tack/gybe seeking a new wind angle?
- 3) will the jury penalize on the water boats infringing RRS 42?
- 4) can a boat protest another boat for an alleged infringement of RRS 42?

Answers from the Jury

Answer 1

Yes, there is.

Repeated movements of the keel unrelated to changes in the wind or to tactical considerations may rock the boat and therefore are prohibited as per RRS 44.2(b).

Answer 2

There is no specific time interval that shall be respected between tacks or gybes, provided that the tack/gybe is related to changes in the wind or to tactical considerations, as required by RRS 44.2(e).

However,

- if the only reason for the repeated tacks/gybes is to propel the boat, then this is a breach of RRS 42;
- if there is zero wind a boat is not tacking while changing course, and hence the exceptions that allow rocking a boat while tacking are not applicable.

Answer 3

No, Appendix P does not apply. However, Notice of Race 1.19 applies: the Jury or the Race Committee can impose a scoring penalty without a hearing when they observe a breach of RRS 42.

Answer 4

Yes, she can: RRS 60.1(a) applies.

Note: video evidence is very helpful in this case.

Comitato Organizzatore – Organizing Authority. X Giuria – Jury.
 Comitato di Regata – Race Committee Commissione di Stazza – Measurement Committee