

## INFORMATION FROM THE JURY TO COMPETITORS

### 1. BASIC PRINCIPLE – SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

### 2. ON THE WATER

Sailing is essentially a self-policing sport. The jury expects that boats will promptly take a penalty when appropriate. The primary responsibility for protesting breaches of the rules is with the competitors, not the jury.

The jury may give evidence in a boat v boat protest or may lodge protests in accordance with rule 60.3.

The jury will protest if they observe an apparent breach of good sportsmanship (RRS 2). Examples of such breaches are:

- reckless sailing – sailing likely to result in damage or injury
- apparent deliberate breaches of rules
- intimidating other boats – often evidenced by unnecessary shouting or foul language
- failing to take a penalty after knowingly touching a mark or breaking any rule

### 3. REQUESTS FOR REDRESS FOR ALLEGED RACE COMMITTEE ERRORS IN SCORING A BOAT OCS, UFD OR BFD

Boats sometimes want to challenge the race committee's decision to score them OCS, UFD or BFD by requesting redress under rule 62.1(a).

For a boat to be given redress, conclusive evidence must be presented to the jury that the race committee has made an error. In the absence of conclusive evidence to the contrary the Jury will uphold the Race Committee's decision.

Evidence of the relative positions of two boats that are scored differently is not conclusive evidence that either boat started properly.

### 4. OBSERVERS AT HEARINGS

No observers will be permitted due to COVID.

### 5. RULE 69

Any form of cheating, including not telling the truth in a hearing, is considered to be misconduct which may result in a hearing under rule 69.

### 6. HEARINGS SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

Because of the current 22.00h curfew in place in Capri during this regatta and the attendant local travel limitations the jury may not schedule hearings to start after 20.00h each evening. Hearings that cannot be completed on the day of the incident in time for the parties and jury members to return to their accommodation before the curfew will be scheduled to be heard early the following morning before racing.

In order to minimize potential COVID contact it is intended that all hearings will be held in accordance with RRS N1.4(b). Please familiarise yourself with that rule before the hearing which is copied below:

*N1.4(b) The chairman of a jury may appoint panels of at least three members each, of which the majority shall be International Judges. Members of each panel shall be from at least three different national authorities except in Groups M, N and Q, where they shall be from at least two different national authorities. If dissatisfied with a panel's decision, a party is entitled to a hearing by a panel composed in compliance with rules N1.1, N1.2 and N1.3, **except concerning the facts found**, if requested within 30 minutes or the time limit specified in the sailing instructions.*

Panel chairmen have been instructed to conduct the hearings at a brisk pace and will curtail unnecessary repetition of statements.

## **7. VIDEO EVIDENCE**

Video or photographic evidence is not permitted at hearings relating to the Tre Golfi Race (NoR 27.2).

If a party to a hearing wishes to bring video or photographic evidence at hearings relating to the inshore windward/leeward races it is their responsibility to provide the equipment that will enable the video to be viewed by all parties and jury panel simultaneously. The monitor on a video camera or phone will not fulfil this requirement. The minimum size for displaying video evidence is a screen size of 9.7" / 250mm diagonal dimension. Video or photo files shall be unedited. The jury may ask for the device used to show a video to remain with the panel for further review while making a decision. The device should have sufficient charge for this purpose and be unlocked for access.

## **8. LOCATION OF JURY ROOMS**

Hearings for all classes will be held in jury rooms located in the Race Village adjacent to the Race Office.

Parties to protests and their witnesses may wait in the covered area outside the jury rooms or nearby. They will be called to the hearings by a hail from the door of the jury room. The jury will wait 60 seconds after the hail for a party or witness to come to the jury room.

## **9. FAILURE TO ATTEND A HEARING**

Competitors should be aware that the jury may proceed with a hearing under RRS 63.3(b) in the absence of one of the parties and this will not be grounds for reopening unless the jury is satisfied that the competitor made every reasonable effort to find out the time of the hearing and attend.

It is the responsibility of the competitors to monitor the official online notice board until all hearings are concluded for the day.

Failure to attend a hearing may be investigated by the jury.

## **10. PROCEDURE AND POLICY**

Competitors may discuss procedure and policy with the jury chairman who may be contacted via [info@rolexcaprisailingweek.com](mailto:info@rolexcaprisailingweek.com).

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