

APPENDIX UF

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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.

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

UF 1.1. Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.'

UF 1.2 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.'

UF 1.3. 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.

UF 1.4. Rule 70 is deleted.

UF 1.5. Test rules

The definition Mark-Room is changed to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark on the

required side. However, mark-room for a boat does not include room to tack unless she is overlapped inside and to windward of the boat required to give mark-room and she would be fetching the mark after her tack.

UF 2. CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF 2.1. Rule 28.2 is changed to: 28 SAILING THE COURSE

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

UF 2.2. Rule 31 is changed to: 31 TOUCHING A MARK

While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. In addition, while racing, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a mark.

UF 3. ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF 3.1. In this appendix, 'a penalty' will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

UF 3.2. The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat 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'.

UF 3.3. On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

(A) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so 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) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3 **(A)** is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

UF 3.4. Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

(A) When a boat

(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) Breaks course limits instructions if any

(7) 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 boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signaled 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 boat 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 boat 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.

UF 3.5. 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 boat.

(C) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

UF 3.6. Imposed Penalties

(A) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5 **(B)** shall take a penalty.

(B) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5 **(C)** shall promptly leave the course area.

UF 5. PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF 5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF 5.3 A boat intending to

(A) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),

(B) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or

(C) request redress

SHALL INFORM THE RACE COMMITTEE IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

UF 5.4. The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.10. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so. The time limit is 1 hour after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day

UF 5.5. The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

UF 5.6. The third sentence of rule 61.1 **(A)** and all of rule 61.1 **(A)** (2) are deleted.

UF 5.7. The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: '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.'

UF 5.9. The race committee will not protest a boat.

UF 5.10. The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat 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.

UF 5.12. Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A party to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'