

APPENDIX Q FOR RADIO SAILING UMPIRED FLEET RACING RULES

*Races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing , including Appendix E, as changed by this appendix only if the notice of race and sailing instructions so state. The aim of this appendix is to have all boat-vs.-boat **protests** decided at the time of the incident. Competitors need to accept that an umpire may not be in a position to judge every incident. Adequate resources and skills are required to manage the regatta effectively.*

*There should be at least one umpire for every four boats **racing**. Umpires shall remain in the control area while umpiring and all umpires' calls shall be made from the control area without any use of augmentation aids such as binoculars.*

*This appendix is only recommended for radio sailing fleets **racing** under the current version of the ISAF-RSD Heat Management System.*

Q1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions

- (a) The definition *Finish* is changed to “A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.”
- (b) Add to the definition *Proper Course*: “A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.”

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests and Exoneration

- (a) In rule 60.3(a)(1) “serious” is deleted.

Q2 PROTESTS BY BOATS

Q2.1 When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31.1 or 42,

- (a) A boat may promptly acknowledge breaking a *rule* by taking a penalty under rule 44 as modified by E4.4.
- (b) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall hail a decision as provided in rule Q3.
- (c) She is entitled to a hearing only if
 - (i) an umpire hails the decision Q3.1(d), or
 - (ii) no umpire decision is hailed.

Q3 HAILS BY UMPIRES

Q3.1 An umpire shall hail a decision as follows:

- (a) “Protest refused”.
- (b) “No penalty”.
- (c) “Penalty to (boat sail number)”. If an umpire is unable to distinguish a boat's sail number, s/he may identify the boat by description, and then as soon as possible, by sail number.
- (d) “Incident not observed”.

Q3.2 A boat penalized under rule Q3.1(c) shall promptly take a Two-Turn Penalty.

Q4 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES

Q4.1 Rule Changes

Rule 64.1(b) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this appendix.

Q4.2 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31.1 or 42 and does not take a penalty,
 - (b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (c) breaks a *rule* deliberately,
 - (d) breaks rule 2,
 - (e) where the Sailing Instructions so provide, has contact with another boat and one or both of them does not immediately take a penalty or acknowledge that she intends to do so, or
 - (f) fails to take a penalty when required by an umpire,
- an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat by hailing the decision Q3.1(c) and describing the penalty, or may report the incident to the protest committee for action and notify this intention to the competitor

Q4.3 When an umpire imposes a penalty under Q4.2 on a boat, this may be

- (a) one or more turns, each including one tack and one gybe.
- (b) to disqualify her. A boat disqualified by an umpire shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4.4 If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a rule other than those listed in rules Q2.1 and Q4.2, they shall so inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3 and notify this intention to the competitor.

Q5 TAKING A PENALTY

Q5.1 A boat which is unable to immediately take a penalty but intends to do so at the first opportunity shall hail "Acknowledge" or "OK".

Q6 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q6.1 There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made by an umpire under the rules of this appendix.

Q6.2 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires.

Q6.3 If the protest committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

Q6.6 Neither the race committee nor the protest committee shall protest a boat for breaking a rule listed in rule Q2.1, except rule 14 when there is damage or injury.