

ADDENDUM Q (RRS APPENDIX MR)

UMPIRED MEDAL RACING

This addendum may be used at international events for umpired medal racing in the last race(s) of each series for the Olympic classes. For other classes at international events this addendum may be used with the approval of World Sailing under rule 86.2.

The addendum may also be used at national events with approval under rule 86.3 if the national authority prescribes that rule changes are allowed for the purpose of development and testing. Please note that the national authority may prescribe that such changes require its approval. This addendum is to be used for umpired medal racing. For other umpired fleet racing, Appendix UF shall be used.

No changes to this addendum/appendix are permitted unless specifically permitted by World Sailing.

Races may be sailed under the rules in this addendum only if the notice of race so state, with reference to the relevant version, and that version is posted on the official notice board. If the use of the addendum is approved for a specific event under rule 86.2 or 86.3, this approval must also be posted on the official notice board.

This addendum applies to all medal races and all pre-race or post-race activities related to them.

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2

- (a) Add to the definition *Proper Course*: ‘A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for ‘Room to tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Rule Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards, kiteboards or boats in a class so specified in the sailing instructions.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with ‘A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with rules Q2.1 or Q2.4.’
- (c) Rules B5 and F5 are deleted.
- (d) Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (e) The three sentences of rule 64.2 are replaced with: ‘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.’
- (f) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 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. However, a board, kiteboard or a boat in a class so specified in the sailing instructions need not display a red flag. This changes rule 60.1 and 61.1.

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in rule Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty. This changes rule 63.1.

Q2.3 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat'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.

Q2.4 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule Q3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule Q2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under rule Q5.5. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so. This changes rules 61.1 and 61.3.

Q2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule Q2.4.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

Q3.1 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.

Q3.2 (a) A boat penalized under rule Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2.

(b) A boat disqualified under rule Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q3.3 Identification of boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD.

- (a) An umpire displaying flag X with one long sound means 'A boat has been scored OCS, UFD or BFD by the race committee'. The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat. The identified boat shall promptly leave the course area. This signal may be given any time after 2 minutes after the starting signal.
- (b) The sailing instructions of an event may replace flag X with another flag provided it is not a flag used in *Race Signals* or a flag listed in rule Q 3.1.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

Q4.1 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with rule Q3.2 or Q 3.3 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with rule Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under rule Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

Q4.2 Rule 28.2 is changed to ‘A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course* provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.’ A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under rule Q3.1(c).

Q4.3 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 Q3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, the umpire will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires. A *party* to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of the protest committee. This changes rule 70.1. Rule 66.2 is replaced with ‘A hearing shall not be reopened based on a request of a *party* to that hearing.’

Q5.3 (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. This changes rules 61.2 and 62.2.

(b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally. This changes rule 63.2.

(c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. This changes rule 63.

(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 penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

(e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule Q5.3 (d) or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat’s score.

Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat.

- Q5.5** The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule Q3.2 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.
- Q5.6** The technical committee will not protest a boat, except under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat 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. The time limit for protests under this rule is the same as in rule Q2.4. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is a good reason to do so.