

APPENDIX 1

Revised text of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as changed by the Sailing Instructions

Revisions are indexed to the rule number in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and are italicized in bold letters. Definitions are in italics and if contained within a revision they are underlined. Following the revision is a reference to the Sailing Instruction (SI) on which the change is based.

27 OTHER RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS BEFORE THE STARTING SIGNAL

27.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee shall signal or otherwise designate the course to be sailed if the sailing instructions have not stated the course, and it may replace one course signal with another and signal that wearing personal buoyancy is required (display flag Y with one sound). ***Prior to the warning signal for any class, flag S can be hoisted with two sound signals to indicate that the next and all subsequent classes will sail the Short Course indicated under Predefined Courses.*** (SI 3.2)

27.3 Before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason *postpone* (display flag AP, AP over H, or AP over A, with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N over H, or N over A, or N over N, with three sounds). (SI 9.2)

27.4 *The race committee can postpone before leaving the harbor by broadcasting “Advance Postponement” on Channel 72 and displaying AP on the RC boat with two sounds. The postponement will end with the “Harbor Start” or abandonment.’* (SI 5.1)

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.3 *After starting a boat shall not cross the starting line. Other than rounding a mark of the course, boats shall keep clear of the finish line except to finish.* (SI 3.1)

32 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

32.3 *At approximately five minutes after the expiration of the time limit the race committee will announce on channel 72 a list of classes which had no finishers. Visual and sound signals will not be made for such abandonment. Abandonments will be announced with the day’s results* (SI 10.2)

35 TIME LIMIT AND SCORES

~~If one boat sails the course as required by rule 28.1 and finishes within the time limit, if any, all boats that finish shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is abandoned. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race. Regardless of time of start, the time limit for each class will be 1630 on both days. If any boat in a class finishes by that time it is a race for her class. At 1630 the race will be abandoned for classes that have no finishers.~~ (SI 10.1)

50 SETTING AND SHEETING SAILS

50.1 Changing Sails

When headsails or spinnakers are being changed, a replacing sail may be fully set and trimmed before the replaced sail is lowered. However, only one mainsail and, except when changing, only one spinnaker shall be carried set at a time. ***Mainsails shall not be changed while racing, although a storm trysail may be set in place of the mainsail. If the mainsail is later reset it shall be the same sail that was previously in use.*** (SI 1.11)

62 REDRESS

62.3 *Except as specified in SIs 1.10, 4, and 5.1 radio communications are for safety, convenience and courtesy only. Misunderstandings, errors, or omissions that may result from such communications including the failure to announce any or all OCS boats or the sequence and timing of announcements are not grounds for protest and only the race committee may request redress.* (SI 1.14, 7)

63 HEARINGS

63.1 Requirement for a Hearing

A boat or competitor shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except as provided in rules 30.2, 30.3, 67, 69, A5 and P2. A decision on redress shall not be made without a hearing. The protest committee shall hear all *protests* and requests for redress that have been delivered to the race office unless it allows a *protest* or request to be withdrawn. ***For a breach of a Part 2 rule protest the protest committee can at its discretion require an arbitration hearing according to Rule 63.9.*** (SI 11.4)

63.9 Arbitration

- (a) If the protest committee so requires after a written protest is delivered one representative from each boat will meet with an arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed.***
- (b) A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that it broke a rule of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score of 35% applied as described in Rule 44.3 (rounded 0.5 upwards), but she shall not be scored worse than "Did Not Finish"***
- (c) Acceptance of an arbitration penalty cannot be grounds for redress or appeal.***
- (d) Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the Protest Committee.*** (SI 11.4)

77 IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

~~***A boat shall comply with the requirements of Appendix G governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails. Conformance to Rule 77 is not required; however mainsails and spinnakers shall have identifying numbers that match as indicated on the entry form.***~~ (SI 1.11)

78 COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS RULES; CERTIFICATES (SI 1.3, 1.7)

~~78.1 A boat owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with the class rules and that her measurement or rating certificate, if any, remains valid.~~

The Off Soundings Club measurer reviews all monohull entrants' handicaps and rationalizes them to OSC standards to ensure fair racing. Therefore, the Off Soundings Club is the handicapping authority under the US Sailing prescription to Rule 64.3 (b).

~~78.2 When a rule requires a certificate to be produced before a boat races, and it is not produced, that boat may race provided the race committee receives a statement signed by the person in charge that a valid certificate exists and that it will be given to the race committee before the end of the event. If the certificate is not received in time, the boat shall be disqualified from all races of the event. The New England Multihull Association (NEMA) is the handicapping authority for multihulls. The Off Soundings Club will accept its handicaps as submitted, subject to verification.~~

~~78.3 When a measurer for an event decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, he shall report the matter in writing to the race committee, which shall protest the boat. All classes in Off Soundings series, including 'Level' classes, sail as PHRF classes under OSC or NEMA PHRF handicaps, therefore, PHRF class rules are the class rules for all entrants. The Off Soundings Club will not consider issues involving other class association rules.~~

78.4 *Each boat must have a current PHRF-ECSA handicap certificate, a current NEMA handicap, or an OSC Data Measurement Certificate dated no more than three years prior to the Race Date. The last may be waived by the measurer.*

78.5 *A boat's owner or other person in charge, i.e., the registered Master, shall ensure that the boat's handicap, rating, and measurement certificates remain current, valid, and correct and that the boat conforms to the Certificates.*

78.6 *Valid and correct Handicap and Measurement Certificates must be submitted to the measurer or be available for review on-line and any changes or updates to a certificate must be completed, officially recorded, and the OSC measurer so notified by the Entry Deadline.*

78.7 *For monohull boats not holding a current PHRF-ECSA handicap the OSC measurer will use information from the OSC Data Measurement Certificate to produce an OSC handicap based on the handicapping practices of PHRF-ECSA and OSC and may adjust any handicap according to OSC practices.*

78.8 *When a measurer or other official decides that any boat or equipment does not comply with the PHRF rules, or with the information on its certificate, he shall report the matter in writing to the race committee, which shall protest the boat.*

78.9 A boat may protest a boat that does not comply with PHRF rules, or handicap or rating requirements, or does not conform to the information on its certificates.)

89 RACE COMMITTEE; SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; SCORING

89.3 Scoring

(c) The Off Soundings Club awards performance penalties (PE) to monohull vessels based on event results as follows:

- 15% for a regatta first place.**
- 10% for a regatta second place.**
- 5% for a regatta third place.**

Penalties will accumulate to a maximum of 45%.

Each penalty will expire in the order in which it was earned after three series have elapsed, whether or not the boat and Master sail.

Penalties will carry forward when a boat changes classes.

Penalties will carry forward if a Master acquires a new boat of the same type and whenever a boat with co-owners is entered by any of the owners.

Penalties will not carry forward if a Master obtains a different type boat, if a boat is under completely new ownership, or if a boat is chartered or borrowed and sails without the Master that originally earned the penalty aboard.

(d) Penalties are applied by adjusting the assigned PHRF handicap by the accumulated penalty % using a proprietary formula. The adjusted handicap value is then used in the time correction factor formula to produce TCF, which is used to calculate corrected time. (SI 12.3)

A7 RACE TIES

If boats are tied at the finishing line or if a handicap rating system is used and boats have equal corrected times, the points for the place for which the boats have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally. ~~**Boats tied for a race prize shall share it or be given equal prizes.**~~ **If there is a tie for a trophy a boat with a penalty or 'letter score' shall receive the lower prize or place. If necessary, the final resolution will be based on total corrected time. The scoring will not change. (SI 13.2)**

RACE SIGNALS

Postponement Signals

AP

To postpone the starting sequence before leaving the harbor the race committee will broadcast "Advance Postponement" on channel 72 and display AP with two sounds. At the end of this postponement will be the "Harbor Start" or abandonment. (SI 5.1)

~~**AP over H**~~

~~**AP over A**~~

~~**AP over a numeral pennant 1-6.**~~ (SI 5.2)

Abandonment Signals

At approximately five minutes after the expiration of the time limit the race committee will announce on channel 72 a list of classes which had no finishers. Visual and sound signals will not be made for such abandonment. Abandonments will be announced with the day's results (SI 10.2)

N over N

All races are abandoned for the weekend. (SI 9.2)

Course Change Signals

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When displayed prior to the warning signal for any class, accompanied with two sound signals, the next and all subsequent classes will sail the Short Course indicated under Predefined Courses. (SI 3.2)

When displayed after the start the ~~The~~ course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect. (SI 3.2)