Racing Rules of Sailing

Submission: 097-16

New TR Call Gen

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To generalise the requirement for umpires to consider whether a team gains an advantage despite one of the boats taking a penalty.

Proposal

Add new general principle to the Team Racing Call Book.

5. Advantage Gained after Breaking a Rule

When a boat breaks a rule and she, or another boat on her team, takes a penalty, the umpires will decide if the boat's team has gained an advantage despite the penalty taken. If so, they will act under rule D2.3(c). Except for some calls in Section M, this is not addressed separately in each call in this book.

If the proposal above is approved, delete the final paragraph in existing call M4.

Current Position

Calls M3, M4 and M5.

Reason

Currently the consideration of advantage is mentioned only in calls M3, M4 and M5. However, there can be many other occasions when a team gains an advantage and the umpires should consider this after every incident.