

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule A5

A submission from the Chairman of Race Officials Committee and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Proposal

#### **A5 SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE**

A boat that did not *start*, comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, or *finish*, or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) or retires after *finishing*, shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing. **When the race committee determines that it has scored a boat incorrectly it shall either correct the error or request redress for the effected boats.** Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reason

A race committee is required to correctly score all boats. When the race committee determines that it has made an error in the posted scores, it is required to fix that error. For example, if Boat A is initially scored in 5<sup>th</sup> place and Boat B is initially scored in 6<sup>th</sup> place, the race committee must reverse the scores if it determines that Boat B actually finished ahead of Boat A.

Rule A5 can be read to suggest that a race committee cannot correct a scoring error if by doing so it makes another boat's score worse. This is not intended. The submission is intended to clarify this ambiguity.

The proposed change would not restrict a boat from requesting redress based upon the actions of the race committee; in posting the incorrect scores, or subsequently correcting them.