

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 36 and P3

A submission from the Italian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

The purpose of the amendments proposed is to avoid different applications of penalties after a breach in rule 42

Proposal

36 RACES RESTARTED OR RESAILED

If a race is restarted or resailed, a breach of a *rule*, other than rule 30.3 **and Appendix P**, in the original race shall not prohibit a boat from competing or, except under rule 30.2, 30.3 or 69, cause her to be penalized.

P3 POSTPONEMENT, GENERAL RECALL OR ABANDONMENT

If a boat has been penalized under rule P1 and the race committee signals a *postponement*, general recall or *abandonment*, the penalty is cancelled, but it is still counted to determine the number of times she has been penalized during the regatta. **Following a second or subsequent penalty a boat shall not compete in a race which is restarted or resailed.**

Current Position

After a postponement, general recall or abandonment the a penalty imposed under rule P1 is cancelled and only counts to determine the total number of times she has been penalized during the regatta

Reasons

1. When the existing Rule P3 and 36 are applied under Appendix P, a boat which breaches Rule 42 for the second or subsequent infringement is obliged to retire. In the event that the the race is, postponed, subject to a general recall or abandoned the boat may restart.
 2. It thus appears that for the same infringement of a rule, two different consequences may result, which may affect significantly the results of the series.
 3. Thus a boat may have attracted numerous penalties but still be able to race after a restart – and gain a better result than the disqualification without a hearing which she would have been scored if the race had been completed.
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