

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules B3 and B5

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To change rules 30.2 and 61.1 for windsurfing competition so that they are consistent with other rules changes made by Appendix B.

Proposal 1

Add the following change in rule B3:

30.2 Z Flag Rule

Rule 30.2 is changed to:

If flag Z has been displayed, no part of a board's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the last minute before her starting signal. If a board breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% Scoring Penalty, **which is 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward)** ~~calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c)~~. She shall be penalized even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. If she is similarly identified during a subsequent attempt to start the same race, she shall receive an additional 20% Scoring Penalty.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Because rule 44.3 is deleted for windsurfing competition, the reference in rule 30.2 to rule 44.3(c) is ambiguous. Adding the method for calculating a 20% Scoring Penalty to rule 30.2 removes the ambiguity.

Proposal 2

In rule B5, change the entry for rule 61.1 as follows:

61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

61.1 Informing the Protestee

- (a) A board intending to protest shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail 'Protest' **at the first reasonable opportunity**. She shall also inform the race committee of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she *finishes* or retires. However,
- (1) if the other board is beyond hailing distance, the protesting board need not hail but she shall inform the other board at the first reasonable opportunity;
 - (2) **no red flag need be displayed** ~~if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag;~~
 - (3) if the incident was an error by the other board in sailing the course, she need not hail ~~or display a red flag~~ but she shall inform the other board either before or at the first reasonable opportunity after the other board *finishes*;
 - (4) if as a result of the incident a member of either crew is in danger, or there is injury or serious damage that is obvious to the board intending to protest, the requirements of this rule do not apply to her, but she shall attempt to inform the other board within the time limit of rule 61.3.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

In the second sentence of rule 61.1, the omission of the words 'at the first reasonable opportunity' creates a significant difference between rule 61.1 for windsurfing competition and rule 61.1 for boats and kiteboards. The proposal makes the timeliness requirement for a hail of 'Protest' consistent across all disciplines.

There is no requirement for a board to fly a red flag, and so the references to a red flag in rules 61.1(a)(2) and 61.1(a)(3) should be removed to avoid confusion.

For consistency, the language wording proposed for rule 61.1(a)(2) is identical with that used in Appendix F.
