

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule C8.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To enable the use of what has been the standard guidelines for handling damage in match racing, without the need to change rules to use it.

Proposal

Amend rule C8.6 as follows:

C8.6 When the match umpires, together with at least one other umpire, decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may impose a ~~half-point~~ points penalty without a hearing. The competitor shall be informed of the penalty as soon as practicable and, at the time of being so informed, may request a hearing. The protest committee shall then proceed under rule C6.6. Any penalty decided by the protest committee may be more than the penalty imposed by the umpires ~~half a point~~. When the umpires decide a penalty greater than ~~half a point~~ one point is appropriate, they shall act under rule C8.4.

Current Position

As above and as per ISAF Standard Match Racing Sailing Instruction 1.5.

Reasons

1. The last few years a standard guideline for handling damage have been used – although it changed rules in Appendix C. Although there was a new rule C8.6, it still had to be amended in the standard sailing instructions.
 2. By making this change to C8.6, the guidelines can be used as they are and as umpires, sailors and organizers are used to.
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