

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RACING CALL 2012/001

Rule D2.2(a)	Umpired Races
Rule D2.2(d)(3)	Penalties Initiated by Umpires
Rule D2.3(a)	Single-Flag Protest Procedures

Question 1

Rule D2.3(a) Single-Flag Protest Procedure applies. There was an incident between boats B and Y. The umpires decided that Y broke a rule. B protested, but Y did not take a penalty. What should the call be?

Answer 1

If the umpires agreed that there had been a valid protest, that Y broke a rule and that no boat had taken a penalty, they should penalize Y.

Question 2

If in the same situation Y acknowledged that she broke a rule and signalled that she would take a voluntary penalty but failed to do so, what should the umpires do?

Answer 2

Because Y indicated that she would take a voluntary penalty and then did not, the umpires should consider signalling an additional penalty to Y under rule D2.2(d)(3) for a breach of sportsmanship or report the incident to the protest committee under rule D2.2(d), or both. If the umpires decide to penalize, they should consider a penalty of one or more turns, in addition to any penalty for breaking a rule.

Question 3

What should the call be if the umpires decided that B broke a rule?

Answer 3

If in the same situation the umpires agreed that there had been a valid protest, that B broke a rule and that no boat had taken a penalty, they should penalize B.

In addition, if Y had indicated that she would take a voluntary penalty but failed to do so, see answer 2.

Question 4

What should the call be if the situation was the same, but rule D2.2(a) applied?

Answer 4

If B made the protest valid by in addition displaying a yellow flag and hailing 'Umpire', the call should be the same as in questions 1 and 3.

If B only displayed a red flag and hailed 'Protest', the umpires should take no action with regard to the incident between the two boats. However, as Y indicated that she would take a voluntary penalty and then did not, see answer 2.

Question 5

What should the call be if there was an incident and no protest, but a boat indicated that she would take a voluntary penalty and then did not?

Answer 5

See answer 2.

Umpires should consider signalling an additional penalty to a boat if they agree that the boat had clearly stated an intention to take a penalty turn and then failed to do so.