

Reporting Committee – Racing Rules

Submission **151-00****RACING RULES OF SAILING**A submission from the Race Officials Committee Chairman dated 31 July 2000Current Position

D2.1 GENERAL

- (b) A boat that, while *racing*, may have broken a rule of Part 2, except rule 14, or rule D1 may take a penalty as provided by rules 44.1 and 44.2, except that only one turn is required. When an incident occurs at the finishing line or when an umpire's penalty is signalled at or beyond the finishing line, a boat shall not be recorded as having *finished* until she has completed her penalty and returned completely to the course side of the line before *finishing*.

Proposal

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- (b) A boat that, while *racing*, may have broken a rule of Part 2, except rule 14, or rule D1 **or 42** may take a penalty as provided by rules 44.1 and 44.2, except that only one turn is required. When an incident occurs at the finishing line or when an umpire's penalty is signalled at or beyond the finishing line, a boat shall not be recorded as having *finished* until she has completed her penalty and returned completely to the course side of the line before *finishing*.

Reason

To allow a boat to exonerate herself when she may have broken rule 42, Propulsion. At present there is an inconsistency where, after a protest for breaking rule 42, a boat cannot take a single turn penalty but, under rule D2.3(a), she is not entitled to a hearing and can be penalised by an umpire. In all other cases where an umpire may penalise a boat after a protest there is an opportunity for a boat to acknowledge breaking a rule and to take a single turn penalty.

The change allows a boat to take a single turn penalty when she may have broken rule 42 whether or not the race is umpired. In team racing breaking rule 42 is no different from breaking a rule of Part 2.