

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule C8.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

Proposal:

Add new rule

C8.6 When the match umpires, and at least one other umpire, decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and damage results, they may, without a hearing, impose a 0.5 point penalty. A competitor who is so penalised will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. The protest committee will then proceed in accordance with rule C6.6. Any penalty decided by the protest committee may be more than 0.5 point. When the umpires decide that a penalty greater than 0.5 point would be appropriate, they shall act in accordance with rule C8.4.

Current Position:

There is no current position. The proposed paragraph has been in the Standard Match Race Sailing Instructions for the past several years and this addition will eliminate the need for adding it to Sailing Instructions each time they are prepared.

Reason:

The reason for the rule is to prevent damage to boats supplied by the Organising Authority. It gives the sailors advance notice that a partial point penalty, or worse, may be imposed for improper handling of boats which results in damage.