

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule D2.6

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Delete a little used rule about limited umpiring.

Proposal

Delete rule D2.6, Limited Umpiring

Current Position

Existing rule D2.6.

Reasons

- 1 This rule for limited umpiring (now rule D2.6) has gradually fallen into disuse over the last decade and now it is rarely used. The rule originated when umpiring was in its infancy and there were few qualified umpires.
 - 2 In effect, officials operating under rule D2.6 are merely observers who may be available as witnesses in any subsequent protest hearing. If required, sailing instructions can state that observers may be afloat to report rule infringements seen.
 - 3 This rule has no place in any umpired event as it permits umpires to avoid making a decision when requested by a competitor.
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