Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 64.3(c)

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the rule and also make it apply when a penalty is less than disqualification.

Proposal

Amend rule 64.3 as follows:

64.3 Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules

(c) When a boat disqualified penalized under a class rule states in writing that she intends to appeal, she may compete in subsequent races without changes to the boat. However, but shall be disqualified if she fails to appeal or the appeal is decided against her, she shall be disqualified without a further hearing from all subsequent races in which she competed.

Current Position

As above

Reason

The current rule is clumsy because it purports to disqualify the boat twice and it does not clearly state whether her disqualification applies in the subsequent races. The proposed change in the first line from 'disqualified' to 'penalized' makes the rule applicable for penalties less than disqualification when permitted by class rules, sailing instructions or any other rule. The revised second sentence is for clarification and does not change the intent of the current rule.