Racing Rules of Sailing

Standardization of Rule 42 at Major Events

A submission from the Polish Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

Standardization of Rule 42.

Proposal

To include in the Sailing Instructions for all Olympic Events, ISAF Sailing World Championships, ISAF Sailing World Cup Events, ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship (except windsurfing) the following paragraphs:

Rule 42 shall apply as amended below:

(1) If the average wind speed is above 8 knots the race committee may display Flag O before or with the warning signal to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are allowed after the starting signal.

(2) After the starting signal, if the average wind speed is above 8 knots, the race committee may display Flag O with repetitive sounds at any rounding mark to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are allowed. This instruction applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

(3) If the race committee has acted under instruction 1 or 2 above and the average wind speed becomes less than 8 knots, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at any rounding mark to signal that rule 42 applies as written in the RRS. This instruction applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.”

Current Position

1. Rule 42 does not apply for windsurfing events.

2. Rules as proposed currently exist in Finn and 470 Class Rules only.

Reasons

1. Pumping, rocking and ooching have already become an integrated part of technics, especially above proposed wind speed level.

2. Rules that apply to 470 and Finn shall also apply to all other events (except windsurfing) included in Olympic Events, ISAF Sailing World Championships, ISAF Sailing World Cup Events, ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship to minimize outside human factor influence.

3. Sailing becomes more attractive for media and spectators.