

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 35, 32.1, 90.3, J2.1(7), J2.2(19) and Appendix L, SI 15.1

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Purpose or Objective

To qualify the time limit in rule 35 and as a consequence, to qualify the applicable 'time limit' in rules 32.1, 90.3(a), J2.1(7), J2.2(19), and L15.1.

Proposal

35 RACE TIME LIMIT AND SCORES

If one boat *starts, sails the course* and *finishes* within the time limit **for that race**, if any, all boats that *finish* shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is *abandoned*. If no boat *finishes* within the **race** time limit, the race committee shall *abandon* the race.

32.1 After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds),

- (a) *[no change]*
- (b) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will *finish* within the **race** time limit,
- (c) *[no change]*
- (d) *[no change]*

In addition, the race committee may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed, or *abandon* the race because of an error in the starting procedure. However, after one boat has sailed the course and *finished* within the **race** time limit, if any, the race committee shall not *abandon* the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.

90.3 Scoring

- (a) The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A using the Low Point System, unless the notice of race or sailing instructions specify some other system. A race shall be scored if it is not *abandoned* and if one boat *starts, sails the course* and *finishes* within the **race** time limit, if any, even if she retires after *finishing* or is disqualified.

J2.1 The sailing instructions shall include the following information:

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- (7) the **race** time limit, if any, for *finishing*;

J2.2 The sailing instructions shall include those of the following that will apply:

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(19) the **race** time limit, if any, for the first boat to *finish* and the time limit, if any, for boats other than the first boat to *finish*;

Appendix L SAILING INSTRUCTIONS GUIDE

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Insert the time limit.

15.1* The **race** time limit for rule 35 is ____.

(OR)

Insert the classes and times. Omit the Mark 1 time limit and target time if inapplicable.

15.1* Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Race time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>

[no further changes]

Current Position

As above, except for rules 35 and 90.3(a) and Appendix L, SI 15.1. The wording of those three for the 2021-2024 RRS, based on changes approved in 2016, 2017 and 2018, is:

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- (a) The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A using the Low Point System, unless the notice of race or sailing instructions specify some other system. A race shall be scored if it is not *abandoned* and if one boat *starts, sails the course* and *finishes* within the time limit, if any, even if she retires after *finishing* or is disqualified.

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[no further changes]

Reasons

The sport of sailing has accumulated a number of 'time limits' over the years, including a time limit to reach mark 1 and a time limit to finish after the first boat finished. In each case, the time limit is defined in its title, except for the 'race' time limit in rule 35.

Most sailing instructions include a table or list like the table found in RRS L15.1. However, many authors of sailing instructions refer to the time limit in rule 35 as the 'race' time limit, as shown in RRS S12.1. The rest of the rule book should follow that principle.