Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 42.3 - Exceptions

A submission from the Fédération Française de Voile

Proposal 1

42.3 Exceptions

(a) A boat’s crew may pump the mainsail in order to correct a batten inverted.

Renumber following rules accordingly.

Current Position

None

Reason

At least one pump of the mainsail is needed to correct an inverted batten and has to be considered as a seamanlike action.

Proposal 2

Insert a new Rule 42 interpretation

PUMP 7 Repeated pumping of the mainsail in order to correct a batten inverted may be permitted providing the previous pull was not successful, and the boat’s speed is not greater than it would have been in the absence of such action.

Renumber following PUMP interpretations accordingly.

Current position

None

Reason

Unsuccessful attempts to correct a batten inverted are common and the interpretation above can provide more consistency in Judges/Umpires action.