Racing Rules of Sailing

Team Racing Call M7

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective
Correct drafting errors in the call.

Proposal
Amend Team Racing Call M7 as follows:

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Rule 44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties
Rule D1.3(a) Penalties, Taking a Voluntary Penalty
Rule D2.2(f) Umpired Races: Penalty Description
Rule D2.3(f) Penalties Initiated by Umpires: Fails to take a Penalty
Rule D2.4(b) Signals by an Umpire, Penalty

At the start of a race, boat B is OCS and has just been given a two-turns penalty under rule D2.2(f). B immediately bears away, gybes and tacks, but then sails towards the pin end of the starting line before she again bears away, gybes around the mark and then tacks.

Question 1
Has B complied with the requirements of rule 44.2 taken her penalty correctly?

Answer 1
No. Rule 44.2 requires B to make two turns promptly and in the same direction. By breaking away after the first turn and sailing to a different area, B has not exonerated herself promptly as required by promptly taken a Two-Turns Penalty. Therefore she has not complied with rule 44.2.

No further changes.

Current Position
As above.

Reason
This change corrects the incorrect use of the word 'exonerate'. A boat can be exonerated only under RRS 14(b), 21, or 64.1. A boat can take a penalty because she may have broken a rule, or she may be exonerated from breaking a rule in which case she cannot be penalized.