Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 64.1

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

64 DECISIONS

64.1 Penalties and Exoneration

(a) When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it shall disqualify her unless some other penalty applies. A penalty shall be imposed whether or not the applicable rule was mentioned in the protest.

(b) If a boat has taken an applicable penalty, rule 64.1(a) does not apply to her unless the penalty for a rule she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.

(c) When as a consequence of breaking a rule a boat has compelled another boat to break a rule, rule 64.1(a) does not apply to the other boat and she shall be exonerated and rule 64.1(a) does not apply to her.

(d) If a boat has broken a rule when not racing, her penalty shall apply to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Rules experts disagree on whether rule 64.1(c) applies only to penalties imposed by the protest committee under rule 64.1(a) or to all imposed penalties. The change is intended to make clear that a boat compelled to break a rule is exonerated regardless of how the penalty is applied. For example, the change will make the rule apply to penalties under rule 30.2 and 30.3 and to other penalties that can be applied by race or protest committees without a hearing.