Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 64.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To simplify rule 64.1, introduce exoneration into it and to clarify its scope.

Proposal

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 and is not exonerated, 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. 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. However,

(b) if a boat has taken an applicable penalty, she shall not be further penalized unless the penalty for a rule she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.

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(a) when as a consequence of breaking a rule a boat has compelled another boat to break a rule, the other boat shall be exonerated.

(b) 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.

Reasons
The current rule can be interpreted to require a disqualification in conflict with an exoneration provision elsewhere in the racing rules. The proposal simplifies the rule and clarifies the exceptions.

This submission was prepared by the ISAF Section C Working Party.