Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule A1

A submission from US SAILING

Proposal

A1 NUMBER OF RACES; NUMBERING RACES

A1.1 The number of races scheduled and the number required to be completed to constitute a series shall be stated in the sailing instructions.

A1.2 Races shall be numbered sequentially in the order in which they are completed.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Proposed new rule A1.2 clarifies an issue that is often raised by scorers and competitors. For events with special named races within a series, the sailing instructions can modify the rule.

It also clarifies an issue involving rule 30.3. Suppose that in Race 1 of a series Boat X breaks rule 30.3 and that after the starting signal the race is abandoned. Under proposed rule A1.2, the first race that is completed will be Race 1 and, clearly, Boat X must be penalized in that race for breaking rule 30.3. If the first race that was completed were considered to be Race 2, then Boat X would avoid being penalized for breaking rule 30.3, an undesirable result that is not consistent with the intent of rule 30.3.