Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule D1.3(d)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Enable umpires to exonerate a boat under rule 64.1(a)

Proposal

Add new rule D1.3(d) and amend title of rule D1.3, as follows

D1.3 Penalties and Exoneration

No change to (a) (b) and (c)

(d) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this appendix.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

1. Rule 64.1(a) only provides for exoneration by a protest committee at a hearing, not by an umpire in an on-the-water decision.

2. Team Race Calls E5, L1 and L10 cite rule 64.1(a) as a basis for exoneration.

3. Rule C8.1(b) in Appendix C and Q1.2(f) in Addendum Q make the same change to rule 64.1(a).