

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).
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