Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules A9, J1.2(14) and J2.1(9)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the procedure for implementing current rule A9

Proposal

1. Renumber and change rule A9 as follows:

   Alternate 1

   A4.3 If the notice of race or sailing instructions state that rule A4.3 will apply, rule A4.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

   Renumber rules A10 and A11 accordingly.

   Alternate 2

   A4.3 If the notice of race or sailing instructions state that rule A4.3 will apply, or for a long series where the number of starters varies substantially, rule A4.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

   Renumber rules A10 and A11 accordingly.

2. Change rules J1.2(14) and J2.1(9) as follows:

   J1.2(14) the scoring system, if different from the Low Point System in Appendix A, included by reference to class rules or other rules governing the event. State the number of races scheduled and the minimum number that must be completed to constitute a series, If appropriate, for a series where the number of starters may vary substantially, state that rule A4.3 applies;
J2.1(9) unless stated in the notice of race, the scoring system, if different from the Low Point System in Appendix A, included by reference to class rules or other rules governing the event, or stated in full. State the number of races scheduled and the minimum number that must be completed to constitute a series. If appropriate, for a series where the number of starters may vary substantially, state that rule A4.3 applies.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Relocates rule A9 to a more appropriate place in Appendix A.

2. Makes it clear that current rule A4.2 is the default rule and that proposed rule 4.3 (current rule A9) applies only if the NoR or SIs so state.

3. Adds to Appendix J provisions for applying proposed rule 4.3.