Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix D – Rules D2.2 and D2.3

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

D2.2 Umpired Races

Races to be umpired shall be identified either in the sailing instructions or by the display of flag U no later than the warning signal.

(a) When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31, 42 or 44, she is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, when the protested boat fails either to acknowledge breaking a rule or to take the appropriate penalty, the protesting boat may request a decision by conspicuously displaying a yellow flag and hailing ‘Umpire’.

[no change to the rest of the rule]

D2.3 Alternative Umpiring Rules

Each of these rules applies only if the sailing instructions so state.

(a) SINGLE-FLAG PROTEST PROCEDURE

Rule D2.2(a) is replaced by

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31, 42 or 44, she is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule and take the appropriate penalty. If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether any boat has broken a rule, and shall signal the decision in compliance with rule D2.2(b).

[no change to the rest of the rule]

Current Position

As above

Reason

A boat cannot break rule 44. Therefore, a protest under rule 44 is meaningless. Protests nominally under rule 44 are actually protests for the original breach after which the protested boat has not taken or completed a penalty.