Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule C2.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Update Match Racing definition of finish

Proposal

C2.1 The definition Finish is changed to:

Finish A boat finishes when any part of her hull crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last mark from the course side after completing any penalties. However, when penalties are cancelled under rule C7.2(d) after one or both boats have finished each shall be recorded as finished when she crossed the line. A boat has not finished if it continues to sail the course.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The two changes to C2.1 come from the changes to the standard rules in the approved submissions 139-18 and 143-18 (proposal 2).

2. The MRR WP reviewed the changes and have not included the new definition of sailing the course into this submission. The WP feel that this addition creates an illogical argument and changes accepted practices regarding sailing the course as detailed in MR Call N10.

Under the changes detailed in 139-18 and 143-18, if a boat does not sail the course, it therefore cannot finish (does not satisfy the definition of finish). The event and boats can be left in a rule limbo where a boat is no longer actively sailing the course but has not finished.

On this basis the MRR WP has decided to not propose this requirement into the changes to C2.1.