Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules D1.3 and D3.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To provide consistency in scoring boats that retire for any reason.

Proposal

D1.3 Penalties and Exoneration

(a) Rule 44.1 is changed to:

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31.

(b) A boat may take a penalty by retiring, in which case she shall notify and informing the race committee or an umpire as soon as possible and 6 points shall be added to her score.

(c) There shall be no penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 when the incident is between boats on the same team and there is no contact.

(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.

D3 SCORING A RACE

D3.1 (a) Each boat finishing a race and not retiring thereafter shall be scored points equal to her finishing place. All other boats shall be scored points equal to the number of boats entitled to race.

(b) When a boat is scored OCS, 10 points shall be added to her score unless she retired as soon as possible after the starting signal.

(c) When a boat fails to take a penalty imposed by an umpire at or near the finishing line, she shall be scored as retired, points for last place and other scores shall be adjusted accordingly.

(d) When a boat retires is scored as retired after finishing, each boat with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.
When a protest committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule and is not exonerated,

1. if the boat has not taken a penalty, 6 points shall be added to her score;
2. if the boat’s team has gained an advantage despite any penalty taken or imposed, the boat’s score may be increased;
3. when the boat has broken rule 1 or 2, rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury, or a rule when not racing, half or more race wins may be deducted from her team, or no penalty may be imposed. Race wins deducted shall not be awarded to any other team.

**Current Position**

See above.

**Reasons**

1. Currently boats that retire may be scored in three different ways. A boat that retires for any reason or at any time is now scored the same regardless of the reason for retiring.
2. When a boat retires after finishing, any adjustment to scores of other boats is clarified.
3. The score for a boat that fails to take a penalty imposed by an umpire near the finishing line is clarified.