Racing Rules of Sailing

The Call Book for Match Racing - New Call MR 46

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To comply with ISAF Regulations 28.3.1, 28.3.2, 28.3.4 and 28.3.7.

Proposal

CALL MR 46

Rule C2.11 Sculling

Question

The boats are approaching the starting line to start.

Blue is head to wind and then bears away hard by repeatedly moving her helm until she reaches a downwind course just before position 3. Should the umpires take any action?

Answer

If the umpires are certain the repeated movement of the helm is to propel Blue forward, they should penalize Blue under rule 42.2(d) as amended by C2.11, otherwise they should take no action.

Note that because Appendix C changes rule 42.2(d), ISAF Rule 42 interpretations with regard to sculling do not apply for match racing.

Current Position

Rapid Response Match Racing Call 2010.007 – as above.
Reason

To provide a clear interpretation of a situation that has been called inconsistently.