Q&A Panel Report
RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE
RACING RULES COMMITTEE

Introduction
The panel was appointed in the end of May 2017. The panel includes 8 members who have been re-appointed and 9 new members. Marina Psichogiou was appointed chair and it has been decided that Marianne Middelthon will co-chair. The staff looking after the Q&A panel in the World Sailing office are Madeleine Dunn and Jon Napier.

Members:
Marina Psichogiou – chair
Marianne Middelthon – co chair
Mats Bjorklund
Bence Borocz
Lance Burger
Natalia Chubenko
Tatiana Ermakova
Russel Green
Timo Hass
Rick Hatch
Ewa Jodlowska
Michal Jodlowski
Trevor Lewis
Flavio Naveira
Andrus Poksi
David De Vries
Bruno De Wannemaeker

How we work:
Internally the panel continues to work following the same methods the previous panel has been following and improving accordingly when needed. Upon receipt of a question, it is given an ID and forwarded to the panels co-chairs who decide if it is within the panel’s jurisdiction. If needed, the question is reworded for consistency and for removing any references to real events. A three-member group is appointed to discuss the question and produce a draft within a deadline. The draft is sent to the full panel for debate and once an answer is agreed upon the Q&A is sent to the chairs of the ROC and the RRC for approval, as well to any working parties for which the Q&A might be relevant. Following approval, the Q&A is published on the World Sailing website, all international race officials are notified and it is included in the Q&A booklet. In some cases, when it is determined that the Q&A is not beneficial to the general audience, a private answer is sent to the submitter.

Work progress:
2017.001.B001 Unheard hail for room to tack
Published on 10 July 2017
Withdrawn on 15 September 2017 for re-consideration

2017.002.B002  Caused to sail above close hauled – RRS 18.3
Published on 21 July
Withdrawn on 15 September 2017 for re-consideration

The first Q&As that were dealt with were the ones pending from 2016. They were both addressed as new Q&As and answers were agreed on and published. However, concerns were raised for both and they were subsequently withdrawn and reconsidered. The panel has asked the RRC for guidance.

2017 AA  Withdrawn by the submitter

2017 AB  Damage to a racing mark
Completed but potentially conflicting with 2017 AI. Approval process has been stopped. Guidance from the RRC is requested.

2017 AC  Rounding corrected time
In the process of approval

2017.004.N001  Translated versions of RRS. What applies when there are differences?
Published on 6 October 2017

2017.005.J002  When pushed over the line.
Published on 6 October 2017

2017.003.J001  Time limit for accepting reports, and rule 69 reports
Published on 2 October 2017

2017 AG  Time limit for retiring
In the process of approval

2017 AH  Three boats at a windward mark – balance between RRS 18 and 19 (MR
In the process of approval

2017 AI  Damage on items other than boats racing
Connected with 2017 AB - Guidance from the RRC is requested.

2017 AJ  Redress
Being considered

2017 AK  A question about the definition ‘keep clear’ and 16.1
Being considered

2017 AL  Penalizing support persons
Being considered

2017 AM  Redress from an incident in a practice race
Concerns:
The panel has received several questions that described real situations at events. Although the leaders have reworded the questions to a generic form and notified the submitter that the answers cannot be used to change a protest decision, we would like to get some guidance on the way we should address such questions and possibly add something relevant to the WS website in the section that refers to the Q&A service.

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Marina Psychogyiou
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