

Umpired Fleet Racing Rules (UFRR) Working Party

Report to Racing Rules Committee – 2020

The members of the working party are:

- Jan Stage (DEN) Chairman
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The main responsibility for the working party has so far been the development of Addendum Q for medal races in olympic classes, which has been used for medal races in the Olympics, WCS events and Olympic classes world championships. The addendum has been used for three Olympic games and multiple other events, so it is well tested and very stable. Based on the experiences from Aarhus 2018 and some other previous events, adjustments were made for the current version. That version was provided by January 1, 2020 with minor revisions from 2019. There is a powerpoint presentation that umpires can use for self-preparation when the addendum is used. That is currently the only formal document that “interprets” the addendum. There is also a 2-page explanation to competitors of the way the addendum works.

A large number of events are using more or less modified versions of Addendum Q for umpired fleet racing. In some cases, the Addendum Q version used has been approved by WS under RRS 86.2 or an MNA under RRS 86.3. However, there is a considerable number of events that use the addendum either unchanged or revised, but without any form of approval.

In order to provide a better service to this large array of events, it was decided in 2019 that WS will provide an Appendix UF with a template for sailing instructions for umpired fleet racing events. Based on this template, the individual event will produce its own appendix. The event appendix is approved, provided it uses only the options available in Appendix UF. The working party has submitted Appendix UF for approval by RRC.

There has also been work on a call book. The working party has produced a complete list of existing match and team racing calls that may be relevant, with some editing, for a call book for umpired fleet racing. As soon as Appendix UF is approved by RRC, the working party can submit a set of calls for approval. It would be helpful for this work if RRC decides by whom and how these calls should be approved.