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**FINN WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2015**  
**Nautical Club of Kavala**  
**22 May 2015 to 29 May 2015**

**Organizing Authority:**  
**Nautical Club of Kavala in conjunction with the International Finn Masters Committee (IFMC)**  
**and the Greek Finn Association**

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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Abbreviations:

[NP] – A breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[DP] – Rules for which the penalties are the discretion of the International Jury.

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Finn Class World Masters Championship rules. These may be changed, where permitted, by the sailing instructions with the approval of the IFMC.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as amended by SI 1.6.
- 1.6 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.7 For medal races or other umpired races, ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.

**2 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 2.1 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.
- 2.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.3 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.4 On arrival at the racing area, boats shall sail closely by the race committee boat, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 2.5 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.6 Boats shall not sail into Kavala's port entrance
- 2.7 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds or broadcasts 'Code Flag Victor' on the designated VHF Channel, all official and coach boats shall monitor VHF Channel 72 for search, rescue and other instructions.

**3 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]**

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

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- 3.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

#### 4 FORMAT OF RACING

Stage No	Stage Name	Total Races	Races Per Day		Eligible Boats	Addendum Q Applies
			Scheduled	Max		
1	Fleet Series	7	1 or 2	3	All	No
2	Final Race	1	1	1	Boats not eligible for Stage 3	No
3	Medal Race	1	1	1	Top ten boats plus any boat with the same score as 10 <sup>th</sup> place after Stage 1	Yes

- 4.1 For the Fleet and Final Series, races may be sailed in Groups as described in Addendum D. A notice will be posted in accordance with SI 13.1 if there is any change.
- 4.2 The assignments for Stage 3 will be based on the ranking available either at the close of protest time after Stage 1 or, if there are hearings that affect qualification for Stage 3, as soon as those hearings have been completed. The protest committee may extend this time.
- 4.3 For boats assigned to the Final Race, the Fleet series is extended to include the Final Race.

#### 5 COURSE AREAS

- 5.1 The course area, including the medal-race course, is shown in SI Addendum A.

#### 6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

#### 7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1, 1a (offset mark), 2 and 3, or associated gate marks, will be as follows:

Stage	Marks 1, 2, 3	Mark 1a	Replacement Mark	Port End Starting Mark	Finishing Outer Distance Mark
Fleet Series	YELLOW TETRAHEDRAL	YELLOW CYLINDRICAL	ORANGE CYLINDRICAL	RACE COMMITTEE BOAT	BUOY with ORANGE FLAG
Final Race	YELLOW TETRAHEDRAL	YELLOW CYLINDRICAL	ORANGE CYLINDRICAL	RACE COMMITTEE BOAT	BUOY with ORANGE FLAG
Medal Race	YELLOW TETRAHEDRAL	YELLOW CYLINDRICAL	ORANGE CYLINDRICAL	RACE COMMITTEE BOAT	BUOY with ORANGE FLAG

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## 8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The Class flag will be the class insignia on a white background. When the fleet is split into groups the Class Flag will be displayed over a flag of the colour of the group(s) affected. For the medal race, the class flag will be displayed over a White flag.

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby inflatable finishing mark

## 11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 11.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Stage	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
Stage 1 or 2 (1 or 2 races per day)	120	40	20	75
Stage 1 (3 races per day)	120	40	20	60
Stage 3	60	20	10	30

- 11.2 Boats that do not finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

- 11.3 If no boat rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

## 12 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 12.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at NCK Race Office

- 12.2 Signals ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located at NCK

- 12.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

- 12.4 Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbour or shore. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.

## 13 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than two hours before the warning signal of the race from which it will take effect

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#### 14 SCHEDULE OF RACES and OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Measurement/Registration.	9am – 13:00 14:00-18:00	Club's Main Office-Cafe
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Measurement/Registration.  Opening Ceremony.	9am-13:00 14:00-18:00 19:00	Club's Main Office-Cafe  Port of Kavala (St Paul's)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Measurement/Registration.  Competitors briefing. Practice race.	9am – 13:00 14:00-20:00  12:00 14:00	Club's Main Office  Club's Cafe Sea Area outside Kavala's Port (St Paul). See Addendum A.
Monday, 25 May	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal.	11:00	Sea Area outside Kavala's Port (St Paul). See Addendum A.
Tuesday, 26 May	Racing (2 race scheduled) First Warning Signal	11:00	Sea Area outside Kavala's Port (St Paul). See Addendum A.
Wednesday, 27 May	Annual Masters Meeting Racing (1 race scheduled) First warning signal  Official Dinner	10:00 14:00  20:00	Hotel Airtel Galaxy   Camping Batis
Thursday, 28 May	Racing (2 races scheduled) First Warning Signal	11:00	Sea Area outside Kavala's Port (St Paul). See Addendum A.
Friday, 29 May	Racing (1 race scheduled) Final Race and Medal race. First Warning Signal. Closing Ceremony.	11:00   18:00	Sea Area outside Kavala's Port (St Paul). See Addendum A.  Club's Cafe

- 14.1 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 14.2 One or two races are scheduled for each day of racing, except for the final day when the Final Race and Medal Race are scheduled. A maximum of two races per day will be sailed, unless extended to three races with the approval of the FWM President, and then only in order to complete a valid championship.
- 14.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 14.4 There will be no Stage 2 or 3 unless 5 races have been completed in the Fleet Series.
- 14.5 No warning signal will be made after 15.00 on Friday, 29 May

#### 15 COURSE CHANGES

- 15.1 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.

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- 15.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. After mark 1 has been replaced, mark 1a will not be reset.

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office or the Jury Office located at NYC (West mole). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Jury Office (Club's Main Office, west mole) within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the last race of a Stage, whichever is earlier.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at NYC, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.7 Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP] or class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee, but the IFA approved guidance will be followed.
- 16.8 A boat may accept a discretionary penalty for the breach of a rule subject to [DP] by acknowledging the breach before a hearing.
- 16.9 On the last day of the Fleet Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
- 16.9.1 within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- 16.9.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.10 On the last day of the Fleet Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 17.2.1 For boats assigned to the Medal Race, the regatta score shall be the total of the Fleet Series score plus the Medal Race score.
- 17.2.2 For boats allocated to the Final Race, scoring for the Fleet series is extended to include the Final Race.

Stage No	Stage Name	Excluded Scores	Scoring System
1	Fleet Series	1, when 5 fleet races completed	RRS App A Letter scores to be based on the number of boats in the largest Group
2	Final Race	May be excluded from fleet series	RRS App A Letter scores to be based on the number of boats in the largest Group
3	Medal Race	Not excludable	RRS App A – Points doubled and all scores based on number of boats in the Medal Stage

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- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 17.4 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 17.5 The boats assigned to compete in Stage 3 will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat disqualified under RRS 5, 6 or 69.
- 17.6 For boats assigned to compete in Stage 3, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Stage 3 score. This changes RRS A8. For boats with the same points score in Stage 3, ties in the regatta score are broken applying RRS A8 to the Stage 1 scores.
- 17.7 A boat assigned to compete in Stage 3 shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking any such boat in the regatta equal to the number of boats assigned to the medal race.
- 18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**
- 18.1 Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.2 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**
- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee or event equipment inspector. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing and submitted to the Race Office.
- 20 OFFICIAL BOATS**
- 20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
- 20.1.1 Equipment Inspection – WHITE flag with “MEASURER”
  - 20.1.2 First aid/Medical - WHITE flag with RED CROSS
  - 20.1.3 Jury/Judges – WHITE flag with “JURY”
  - 20.1.4 Media - WHITE flag with “PRESS”
  - 20.1.5 Organisers/VIP - WHITE flag with “VIP”
  - 20.1.6 Race Committee - ORANGE flag with “RC”
  - 20.1.7 Rescue or Course Marshalls – GREEN flag
  - 20.1.8 Umpires - WHITE flag with “U”
  - 20.1.9 VIP - WHITE flag with “VIP”
- 21 COACH BOATS [DP]**
- 21.1 For the purposes of these sailing instructions a coach boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is providing physical, morale or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 21.2 Coach boats shall display their national flag or national letters at least 200mm high and clearly visible from both sides.
- 21.3 Coach boats shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 21.4 Coach boats shall not be positioned:
- 21.4.1 Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing.
  - 21.4.2 Within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
  - 21.4.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.

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21.4.4 Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.

21.4.5 Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.

21.5 In addition, coach boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

21.6 Coach boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

21.7 Additional restrictions apply to medal races and will be posted on the official notice board.

21.8 The International Jury may direct the organizing authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of this sailing instruction.

## **22 IDENTIFICATION, ADVERTISING, CAMERAS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP]**

22.1 When provided by the organizing authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed.

22.1.1 Yellow, blue or red bibs.

22.1.2 Yellow, blue or red dots on the mainsail.

22.1.3 Bow numbers.

22.1.4 Event sponsor advertising.

22.2 When provided by the organising authority, boats shall carry the following electronic equipment as instructed:

22.2.1 Cameras,

22.2.2 Sound equipment, and

22.2.3 Position tracking equipment.

22.2.4 Competitors shall make a genuine effort to comply with the instructions for operating the equipment as provided by the organising authority.

22.2.5 While competitors should take every care of the equipment, the organising authority alone is liable for loss or damage to the cameras and any equipment used for installing the cameras on the boats.

22.2.6 For the purposes of RRS Part 2 and the related Definitions, cameras and camera installation equipment are not considered to be part of the boat on which they are installed.

22.2.7 Boats shall avoid contact with cameras and camera installation equipment on other boats; however, a breach of this sailing instruction shall not be subject to any penalty.

## **23 BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]**

23.1 When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

## **24 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

24.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **25 PRIZES**

25.1 Prizes will be awarded as described in NoR 13 as a minimum.

25.2 The prize giving ceremony will take place at 18.00 on Friday, 29 May at the Nautical Club of Kavala.

## **26 RISK STATEMENT**

26.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

26.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

26.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

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- 26.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 26.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 26.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 26.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 26.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

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===== ADDENDA =====

**ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREAS - Location and any Prohibited areas**



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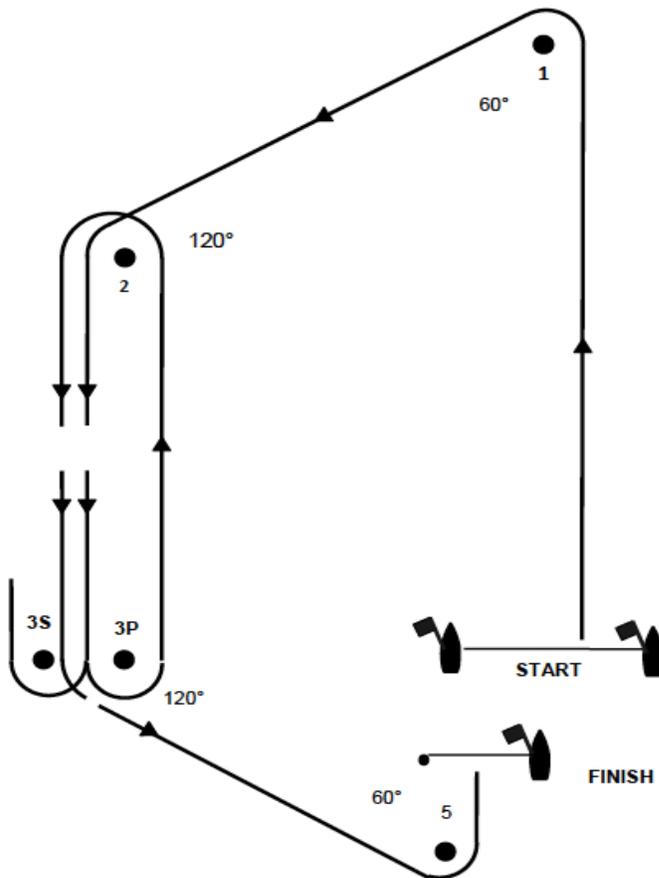
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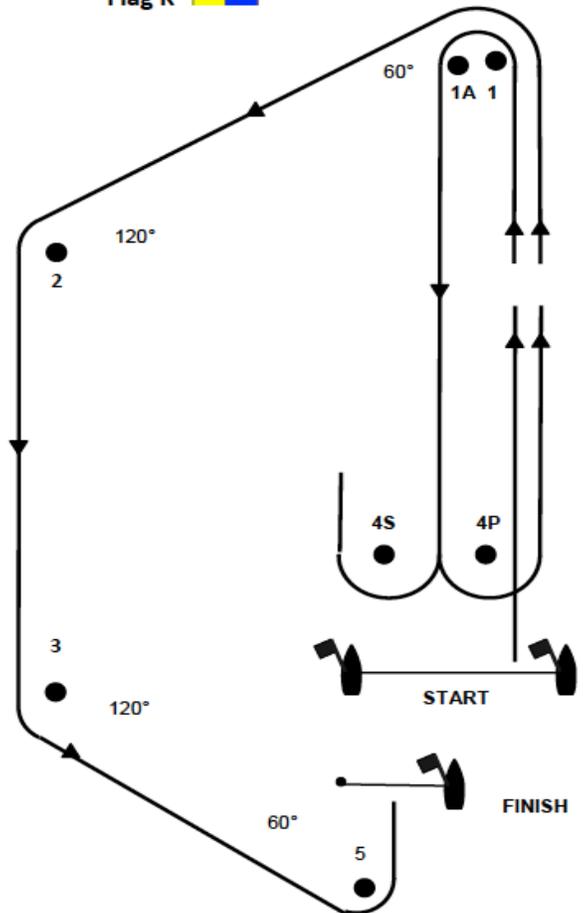
**ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS and MARK ROUNDING ORDER**

**COURSES**

Outer Loop (OL)



Inner Loop (IL)



Start – 1 – 2 – Gate 3S/3P – 2 – Gate 3P – Finish  
All marks (except the gates) to be kept on port

Start – 1 – 1A – Gate 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – Gate 3P – 5 – Finish

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## ADDENDUM D – SPLIT GROUPS

D1 Fleet Series and Final Race – Groups based on Random Allocation

D1.1 For each day, each boat will be allocated to a Group, designated by colour (eg “Yellow”). Boats will be issued with coloured ribbons at registration and shall attach the ribbon relating to each day’s Group allocation near the top of their mast so that it is clearly displayed.

D1.2 For each day, Group allocations will be determined by a random allocation system approved by the IFMC. The decision whether to race Stage 1 and Stage 2 races in two, three or four groups will be made by the Masters’ President in conjunction with the Race Committee. The allocations will be posted by 21:00 on the day before the first Fleet Series race.

D1.3 The assignment of boats to the Medal Race will not alter the allocation of other boats to the Final Race.

D1.4 If all Groups have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the Groups with fewer races will continue racing the following day, except on the final day if that is not practical, until all Groups have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new day’s Groups.

D1.5 Scoring

- (a) If at the end of the Fleet Series some boats have more race scores than others, the other boats will be awarded average points of all completed races (without discards) for races they have not completed so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- (b) For the Fleet and Final Races, letter scores (see RRS App A) will be based on the number of boats in the largest Group of the Fleet Series, and not the total number of entries.

D1.6 The Schedule of races will be:

Date	Race No	Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
Monday, 25-May	Race No 1	Yellow Blue	11.00 To follow Yellow
	Race No 2	Yellow Blue	ASAP after Race 1 finish To follow Yellow
Tuesday, 26-May	Race No 3	Yellow Blue	11.00 To follow Yellow
	Race No 4	Yellow Blue	ASAP after Race 3 finish To follow Yellow
Wednesday, 27-May	Race No 5	Yellow Blue	14.00 To follow Yellow
Thursday, 28-May	Race No 6	Yellow Blue	11.00 To follow Yellow
	Race No 7	Yellow Blue	ASAP after Race 6 finish To follow Yellow
Friday, 29 May	Race No 8 (Final race)	Yellow Blue	11.00 To follow Yellow
	Medal race		ASAP after Race 8 finish

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## ADDENDUM Q

### UMPIRED FLEET RACING

This addendum has been approved by ISAF in accordance with rule 86.2 and ISAF Regulation 28.1.3.

**Version:** January 21, 2013

*Marginal marks indicate important changes from the previous version.*

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B5.

#### Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

*Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5.*

##### Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
  - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
  - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Instruction Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards.

##### Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while *racing*.'
- (b) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.
- (c) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4.'
- (d) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. Rule B5 is deleted.
- (e) Rules 62.1(a), (b) and (d) are deleted. In a race where this addendum applies, there shall be no scoring adjustments for redress given under any of these rules for a previous race.
- (f) 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 addendum.
- (g) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

#### Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

**Q2.1** While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision. However, a board need not display a red flag.

**Q2.2** A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as

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described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.

**Q2.3** At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.

**Q2.4** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

**Q2.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

### **Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES**

**Q3.1** An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

**Q3.2** (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.

(b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

### **Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS**

**Q4.1** When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

**Q4.2** (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.

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(b) When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c).

**Q4.3** An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

**Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**

**Q5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

**Q5.2** A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

**Q5.3** (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.

(b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

(c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

**Q5.4** *The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.*

**Q5.5** *The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.*