



INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

Seaboard Marine 2016 Optimist North American Championship

July 10 – 18, 2016

This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition.

1. Protests by the Jury for Incidents on the Water

The jury will not usually protest for a breach of a rule of Part 2 (when boats meet) unless they observe an apparent breach of good sportsmanship (RRS 2). Examples of breaches, where the jury will consider protesting, include:

- deliberately or knowingly breaking a rule without justification for exoneration and without taking the appropriate penalty;
- intimidating other competitors, often evidenced by unnecessary shouting or foul language;
- team tactics, sailing to benefit another boat to the detriment of your own position
- reckless sailing that results in, or is likely to result in, damage or injury.

2. Outside Help

RRS 41 applies from a boat's preparatory signal (see RRS 41 and the definition *racing*). A boat that receives instructions or exchanges sailing gear with a coach or support boat after the preparatory signal breaks RRS 41.

When coach and other support boats are prohibited from entering the racing area, a boat not racing that needs to receive help must sail to the coach or support boat outside the racing area.

3. Propulsion

The ISAF RRS 42 Interpretations 2013-2016 are posted on:

<http://www.sailing.org/raceofficials/rule42/index.php>

In addition to the ISAF Rule 42 Interpretations, the following points may help you to understand the application of RRS 42:

- A single judge will signal a yellow flag penalty when satisfied that a boat has broken RRS 42.
- When a boat is penalised for a breach of RRS 42 in a race that is subsequently postponed, recalled or abandoned, the boat may compete in the restarted race. However, every penalty counts in the boat's penalty total (see RRS P3).
- Although judges will signal a RRS 42 penalty as soon as possible, this might be after the boat has crossed the finishing line. In the case of a boat's first penalty, she must complete the penalty, return to the course side of the finishing line and then finish.
- A boat may only be granted redress when a judge's action failed to account for a race committee signal or a class rule (see RRS P4)

A competitor may ask the judges for an explanation of a penalty after the completion of the race. That may be either on or off the water or by asking at the Jury Office to arrange a meeting with the judges.

4. Requests for Redress, Claiming RC Error in Scoring a Boat OCS, UFD or BFD

Boats sometimes want to challenge the race committee's decision to score them OCS, UFD or BFD by requesting redress under RRS 62.1(a). Competitors may consult the race officer prior to a hearing, to learn the race committee's evidence that the boat was OCS, UFD or BFD.

Evidence beyond a video or the relative positions of two boats that are scored differently is usually needed for the jury to find that the race committee made an error in scoring the boat OCS, UFD or BFD and to award redress.

5. Video Evidence

A party wishing to bring video evidence to a hearing is responsible for providing the equipment required to view the evidence. Internet connection might not be available during a hearing. It should be possible for all parties and the panel to view the evidence at the same time.

6. Observers at Hearings

Each party may bring one person to observe at a hearing, unless the jury panel decides in a particular case that it is inappropriate. Observers must sign and comply with the requirements in the document titled Information for Observers.

7. RRS 69

Any form of cheating, including not telling the truth in a hearing is a breach of sportsmanship and may result in a hearing under RRS 69 and a heavy penalty.

Any gross misconduct, including a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, or conduct bringing the sport into disrepute, whether it be on the water or ashore during the event may be investigated and could lead to a hearing under RRS 69.

8. Questions on Jury Procedure and Policy

Competitors, team leaders and coaches are welcome to discuss procedure and policy with the jury chairman. She will usually be available by the jury rooms during protest time or she can be contacted through the Jury Office.

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