

# 2013 470 North American Championships

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January 17 – 20, 2013 – Miami, Florida  
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)

The Organizing Authorities are the U.S. and Canadian 470 and 49er Class Associations  
The event is hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2013 470, 49er and 49erFX (hereinafter "FX") North American Championships will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (*RRS*).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions listed in NOR 1.5, as amended, will apply, and will be posted as described therein.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between a *rule* in the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes *RRS* 63.7.)
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the first floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and by e-mail to all competing boats affected by the Notice. Failure of a boat to receive or read such e-mail will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS* 62.1(a).)

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any written change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted as provided in SI 2, above, no later than 90 minutes before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" (except as provided in Appendix T - THEATRE STYLE RACING, hereto, specifically T8.0), and announce the change in accordance with rule 90.2(c). Competitors shall approach the Committee Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed (or as provided in Appendix T8.0, as applicable).

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and notification will be sent to competing boats by e-mail.

- 4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other Notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board and e-mailed to competing boats affected by the Notice.
- 4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. In that case, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

## 5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Friday, January 13 First Warning Signal, 1100
- Saturday, January 14 First Warning Signal, 1100
- Sunday, January 15 470 First Warning Signal, 1100
- 49er&FX First Warning Signal, 1000
- 5.2 The Race Committee Finishing Boat will display Flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate there will be no more racing today. If Flag "A" is not displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.
- 5.3 On the final day of the regatta, no Warning Signal will be made later than 1600 hours, provided that a Warning Signal for a start following one or more General Recalls of that start made prior to 1600 , and for the second Medal Race (if sailed), may be after 1600. (This changes NOR 6.1.)

## 6. **FORMAT OF RACING**

- 6.1 Depending on the number of entries, either the Men's/Mixed and the Women's 470 Class entrants will race as two separate classes with separate starts and scoring; or all boats will race together with separate scoring for the two Classes. The makeup of starts and classes will be announced at the Competitors Meeting on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1800 upstairs at CGSC (See NOR 6.1).
- The 49er and FX Class entrants will race as two separate classes with separate starts and scoring.
- 6.2 For the 470's, there will be no limit regarding the number of races per day.
- For the 49ers and FX's, no more than four races will be sailed per day, except as provided in Appendix T.
- 6.3 Depending on the number of entries for the 470's, the final race may be a Medal Race. The top ten Men's/Mixed boats as scored through the previous race will sail the Men's/Mixed Medal Race. The top ten Women's boats as scored through the previous race will sail the Women's Medal Race. The Medal Races, if sailed, will be not be Umpired. The decision regarding whether a Medal Race will be sailed will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.
- The final day of racing for the 49ers and FX's will be in an experimental format as stated in NOR 6.3, as amended, and as further detailed in Appendix T.
- 6.4 For the 470 classes only, Racing Rule Appendix P will apply for the entire regatta (This changes NOR 11.1).
- 6.5 Nine races are scheduled for the 470's. Up to eight races are scheduled for the 49ers and FX's over the first two days. 49er and FX races on the final day will be as provided in

Appendix T. For the 470 classes, three races shall be completed to constitute a regatta. For the 49er and FX classes, one completed race shall constitute a regatta.

## 7. **CLASS FLAGS**

The Class Flag for 470 Men/Mixed crews will be the 470 insignia on a white background.

The Class Flag for 470 Women crews will be the 470 insignia on a blue background.

The Class Flag for 49ers will be the 49er symbol on a white background.

The Class Flag for FX's will be the blue FX symbol on a white background.

## 8. **RACING AREA**

Racing will be on Biscayne Bay east of the "Quick Flash" Marker (Qk Fl R 12ft "2"). Quick Flash is located approximately 0.5 nm east of the seaward end of the Seaplane Channel which is north of the Dinner Key Channel. However, Sunday's 49er and FX racing will be north of that location adjacent to the beach south of the Rickenbacker Causeway east of the high-level bridge to Virginia Key.

## 9. **THE COURSES**

9.1 The Courses and their designations will be as described in Appendix A - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS and in Appendix T. Course "W" as provided in Appendix A will be used for the 470 Class on Sunday, regardless of whether Medal Races are sailed.

9.2 Courses will be posted on a Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the first Warning Signal of each race (except as provided in Appendix T). The designation of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed (This changes RRS 27.1). See Appendices A and T, as applicable.

9.3 Course Designations:

**COURSE W** – Start – 1– 4S/4P – 1 -OS – Finish W

**COURSE O** – Start – 1– 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish T

**COURSE I** – Start – 1 - 4S/4P – 1 –OS - 2- 3S/3P – Finish T

9.4 The interior angle between Marks 1 and 2 for Courses O and I will be approximately 70 degrees. The interior angle between Mark 3P and Finish T for those Courses will be approximately 120 deg.

9.5 If Marks 4S/4P are present, they will not be marks of the course for on their last leg to the finish of Course W.

## 10. **MARKS**

10.1 Original Windward Marks and the Leeward Gate Marks will be 5 ft. orange inflatable tetrahedron Marks. New Marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron Marks.

10.2 A windward offset Mark will be a 3 ft. round inflatable Mark. The offset Mark will be laid to port of the Windward Mark, approximately 100 feet away.

- 10.3 If one of the Leeward Gate Marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining Leeward Mark to port.
- 10.4 The Starting Mark (if set, see SI 11.2, below) and the Finishing Mark will be 5 ft. yellow inflatable tetrahedron Marks.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 A Class who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of the other Class.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat or a yellow inflatable Mark.
- 11.3 The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the boat.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes *RRS A4*.)
- 11.5 Boats whose sail numbers are displayed as BFD by a Race Committee boat close to Mark 1 following a Black Flag start are to clear the race course.

## 12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark (or move the finish line) and remove the old Mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original Mark.

## 13. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby support Boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing Mark.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit and target time for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

----Time Limits----

<u>Class</u>	<u>First Mark</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
470	30	90	45
49er&FX	20	45	30

- 14.2 Any race in which no boat in a Class rounds the first mark within the above First Mark Time Limit following the start or finishes within the Race Time Limit following the start will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Any boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat in her Class (which has sailed the course in compliance with *RRS 28*) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 and A5*.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

## 15. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest should, if practicable, inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing a race and provide the identity of the protested boat(s).
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk at CGSC. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on such forms and delivered to the Protest Desk in person or by e-mail to [richard.etkin@gmail.com](mailto:richard.etkin@gmail.com) within the protest time limit, except as provided in SI 15.2.2, below.
- 15.2.1 The time limit on Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19 is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore.
- 15.2.2 The time limit for 470's on Sunday January 20 for races sailed prior to a Medal Race is 10 minutes after the last boat finishes each of such races. Such protests may be filed orally, and will be subject to hearings conducted on the water, unless wind and sea state conditions do not permit such hearings. (This changes *RRS* 61.2 and 62.2.)
- Protests for 49ers and FX's on Sunday January 20 will be handled as provided in Appendix T9.0.
- 15.2.3 The time limit for the Medal Races On Sunday January 20 is 30 minutes after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore.
- 15.2.4 Except as provided for in SI 15.2.2, above, and Appendix T9.0, Notices will be posted promptly following expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be conducted at CGSC as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS* 61.1(b). This includes posting on the water as per SI 15.2.2.
- 15.4 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Regatta Notice Board at CGSC, or the Signal Boat Course Board in the case of SI 15.2.2, or its e-mail promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with *RRS* 63.3(b).
- Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Protest Desk, or Signal Boat in the case of SI 15.2.2, until excused by the Protest Committee.
- 15.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a) within the protest time limit following the last race of the day if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes *RRS* 66.
- 15.6 Breaches of Sailing Instruction 19 or *RRS* 55 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes *RRS* 60.1.)

15.7 The actions of media boats will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS* 62.1(a).)

## 16. **SCORING**

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS* Appendix "A" shall apply, except as changed in Appendix T3.0 or this Section of these Sailing Instructions, as follows.

16.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes *RRS* A2.)

16.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except that the Medal Race, if sailed, cannot be discarded. Scores for the Medal Race will be double the finishing place of each boat. This changes *RRS* A4.1. Further, *RRS* A4.2 is changed so that scores are based on the number of boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race (NOR 12.3).

## 17. **PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class. Medals will also be awarded.

## 18. **SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

18.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the Race Committee, support and coach boats shall stay 100 feet outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first Class to start until the time the last boat finishes or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18.2 Support and coach boats shall be marked with national letters or a country flag.

18.3 The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

## 19. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

19.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Protest Desk on shore at CGSC.

19.3 Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform the Protest Desk prior to the start of the first race of that day.

19.4 Prior to the Warning Signal of the first race she sails each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat, and shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a three place penalty in the first race that day without a hearing. (This changes *RRS* 63.1.)

## 20. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

**21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 4, Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority, Race Committee, host club, and their officers, employees and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**22. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

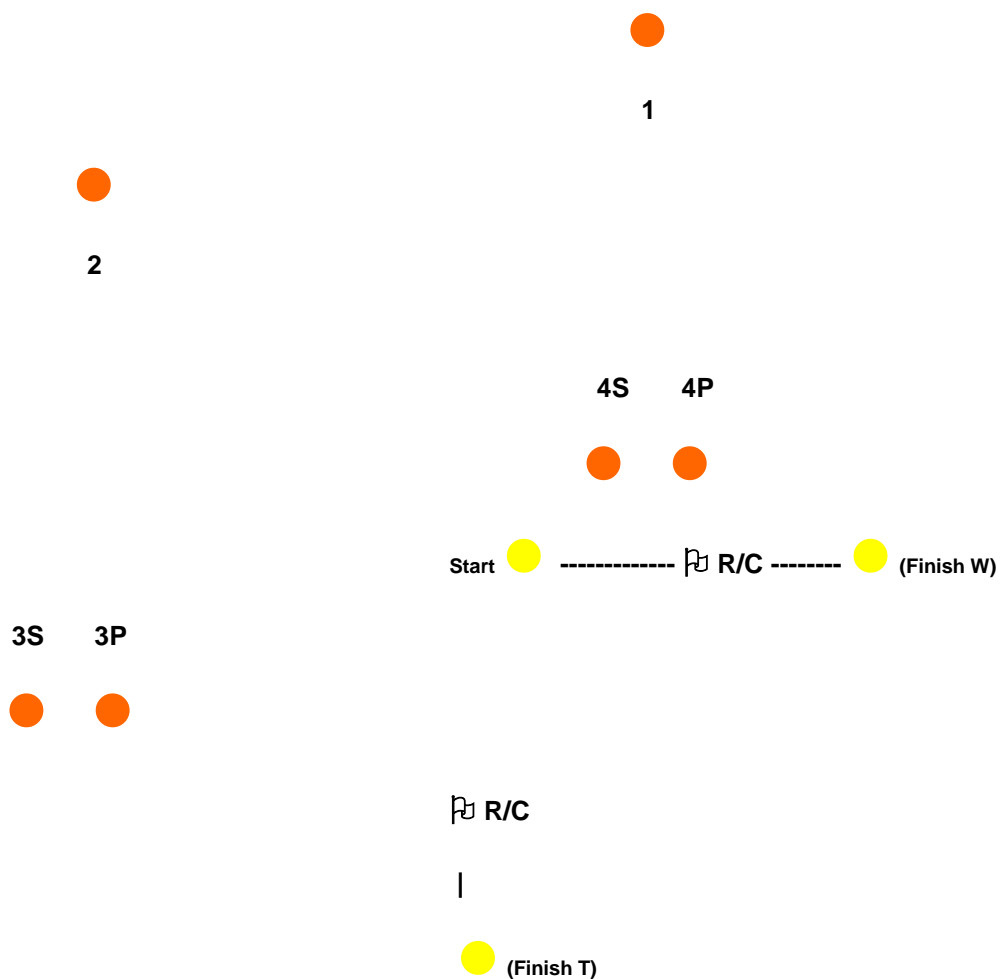
## APPENDIX A

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

## EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT

<u>BEARING</u>	<u>CLASS COURSE</u>	
<b>120°</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>O</b>
<u>RANGE</u>	<b>49er</b>	<b>W</b>
<b>0.8 NM</b>	<b>FX</b>	<b>W</b>

Wind





## APPENDIX T

THEATRE STYLE RACING

2013 49er & FX North American Championships

Sunday, January, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, FL, USA

For the 49er & FX classes only, on the final day all boats will race in the experimental theatre style finals. Theatre racing will be the “Points to 10” system as outlined by the International 49er Class Association Working Party on Formats (<http://49er.org/class-info/blogs/post/format-working-party-first-look-at-2013-formats>).

**1.0 Format**

Series QF will contain all boats finishing 8<sup>th</sup> place and below during the opening series. Series F will contain those boats placed 7<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> during the qualifying series and the winner of series QF.

Qualifying Series End	Series					
	QF			F		
17	0	Points to 10 First boat to reach 10 points advances to Series F				
16	0					
15	0					
14	0					
13	0					
12	1					
11	2					
10	3					
9	4					
8	5		0			
7			0			
6			0			
5			1			
4			2			
3			3			
2			4			
1			5			

## 2.0 Changes to RRS

**2.1** Rule 26 is changed so that the Warning signal is 3 minutes before starting signal with 3 sounds and the Preparatory is 2 minutes before the starting signal with 2 sounds. No flags will be displayed.

## 3.0 Scoring

Boats that enter Series QF and F will carry points based on their qualifying position. Boats entering in positions 8<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> will carry no points into the theatre series. The boat finishing 5<sup>th</sup> carries 1 point into Series F, with every place above 5<sup>th</sup> carrying forward one additional point per place (see graphic above). Series QF and F will use a high point scoring system awarding points to the top four finishers (4, 3, 2, and 1 points respectively) in each race and no points for 5<sup>th</sup> and below. The first team to score a total of 10 points wins the series. The winner of QF moves forward to the next series and enters that series in 8<sup>th</sup> position. For Series F, races continue until second and third teams reach 10 points for the Silver and Bronze medals, respectively. At the end of each Theatre series, a boat will have a new regatta finish position based on its finish within the theatre series (both QF and F). This changes Appendix A.

## 4.0 The Course

**4.1** The course will be a windward – leeward course with a leeward gate, consisting of 2 laps. Marks will be yellow inflatable cylinders. The starting and finishing line will be between a staff on the race committee vessel and a yellow inflatable cylinder to port of the race committee vessel.

**4.2** After the starting signal all boats shall stay between the starboard and port boundaries. Failure to do so will be grounds for protest. The starboard and port boundaries are marked by a lane rope floating on the surface consisting of floating line with marker buoys approximately every 15m.

## 5.0 Penalties

Penalty turns will be as follows:

When on a leg of the course to a windward *mark*, the penalty will be a gybe and, as soon as reasonably possible, a luff to a close-hauled course.

When on a leg of the course to a leeward *mark* or the finishing line, the penalty will be a tack and, as soon as reasonably possible, a bear away to a course that is more than ninety degrees from the true wind. This changes rule 44.1

## 6.0 Schedule

Racing will begin at 1000 with the following approximate schedule:

Class	QF1	QF2	QF3	F-1	F-2	F-3	F-4	F-5	F-6
FX				1100	1115	1130	1145	1200	1215
49	1000	1015	1030	1300	1315	1330	1345	1400	1415

Each race will be started as soon as practically possible. All start times listed are approximate.

For any reason, the Race Committee may cancel or shorten a series, especially to maintain schedule or for reasons of safety. Should a series be cancelled or shortened, the standings at that point shall stand as final.

A short competitors' briefing will be held in the boat park at Miami Rowing Club after racing on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.0 Cameras**

Competitors may be required to carry cameras on board.

Competitors will not be granted redress based on the actions of media boats.

### **8.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions or Schedule**

On the water, the Race Committee may make a change to the Sailing Instructions or Schedule verbally to all boats. Before doing so, the Race Committee will alert all competitors with multiple sound signals.

### **9.0 Umpiring and Protests**

Theatre races will be umpired on the water. Protests and penalties shall be made and signaled as described in RRS Addendum Q, below, except that for Q3.1(a) a solid green flag shall be used. If a boat is deemed to have breached a rule of Part 2, the umpire boat shall notify her as soon as reasonably possible by making a sound signal and pointing a red flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing. Protests and requests for redress made under Q2.4 will be heard on the water immediately.

## 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:** March 24, 2012

These sailing instructions change the definitions Finish and Proper Course, and rules 20.1, 28.1, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B7.

#### 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) The definition Finish is changed to
  - A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.
- (b) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- (c) When rule 20.1 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(c) 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<sup>0</sup> 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 B7 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(c) 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 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 display each boat's identification and her 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 signaled 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 28.1 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.

- (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.