

J/70 North American Championship 25 – 28 September 2013 Annapolis, Maryland

ADVICE TO COMPETITORS FROM THE PROTEST COMMITTEE

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

1. Appendix P

RRS Appendix P, as changed by the sailing instructions, applies at this event. Judges will be on the water each day to judge RRS 42 (PROPULSION) as changed by J/70 Class Rule C.1.1(b) and RRS 49 (CREW POSITION; LIFELINES) as changed by the J/70 Class Rule C.3.3.

The following points may help you understand the application of Appendix P:

- The judges will penalize a boat by pointing a yellow or blue flag at your boat, hailing your sail number, and blowing a whistle. The yellow flag means you broke rule 42 and the blue flag means you broke rule 49.
- Although there are usually two judges in each jury boat, a single judge will signal a penalty when satisfied a sailor has broken rule 42 or 49.
- When a boat's penalty is signaled in a race that is subsequently postponed, recalled or abandoned, the boat may compete in the restarted race. However, for each boat, every rule 42 and rule 49 penalty counts in the total number of penalties in the event.
- Although judges will signal a penalty as soon as possible, this might be after the boat has crossed the finishing line. The boat must complete her penalty and return to the course side of the finishing line before finishing.
- A competitor may ask the judges for an explanation of a penalty after the completion of the race. The request can be made to the judges on the water or by asking the PC chairman to arrange a meeting with the judges ashore.

The 2013 ISAF Rule 42 Interpretations are posted on the Official Notice Board and are available on the ISAF website: (<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/R42intMay13-%5B15083%5D.pdf>)

2 Protests by the Jury on the Water

The protest committee will not usually protest for a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 unless they observe an apparent breach of good sportsmanship (RRS 2), such as deliberately or knowingly breaking a rule and not taking the appropriate penalty, with no justification for exoneration, or reckless sailing that results in, or is likely to result in, damage or injury.

3 Requests for redress, claiming RC error in scoring a boat OCS or BFD

Boats sometimes want to challenge the race committee's decision to score them OCS or BFD by requesting redress under rule 62.1(a). For a boat to be given redress, the party must provide conclusive evidence that the race committee has made an error in identifying the boat as OCS. Even video evidence is rarely conclusive. In the absence of conclusive evidence to the contrary, the protest committee will uphold the race committee's decision. Evidence of the relative positions of two boats that are scored differently is not conclusive evidence that either boat started properly.

5. Observers at hearings

Each party may bring one person to observe at a hearing, unless the protest committee panel decides in a particular case that it is inappropriate. Observers are invited at the discretion of the hearing panel

chairman and shall comply with the protest committee's Rules for Observers available at the Jury office.

6. Questions on procedure and policy

Sailors, team leaders and coaches may discuss procedure and policy with the protest committee chairman. The Jury Office is located in the AYC Junior Sailing clubhouse.

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