



2016 MELGES 20 SAILING SERIES

ACT 4 RIVA DEL GARDA

FRAGLIA VELA RIVA
JULY 1-3

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), regarding FIV membership and medical certificate which will apply only to Italian competitors.
- 1.3 Recorded video and images from any boat support, press, media and / or support boat, or data / video of positioning electronic devices cannot be used as evidence during the hearings and may not be a reason for redress request. This changes the RRS 63.3 - 63.6 - 60.1 (b).
- 1.4 In case of conflict between the Italian version and English version, the English version shall prevail.
- 1.5 **CODE OF CONDUCT - professional foul.**
Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official, organizing committee member, Class official and other competitors, including the participation as party or witnesses in protest hearing or investigations. It is mandatory to participate to the social events and to any official meeting.
The penalty for a breach to this SI can be a scoring penalty but also a disqualification or other disciplinary actions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located **near the Race Office at the Regatta Village.**

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed at the flag-pole located **near the Race Office at the Regatta Village.**
- 4.2 (a) When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.
(b) When together with the signal as per 4.2 (a) the IC flag "D" is displayed the competitors are forbidden to leave the dock until the signal is lowered.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Races and Events schedule:

Thursday, June 30th

09.00 18.00 Registrations, Measurement

Friday, July 1st

09.00-10.00 Registrations, Measurements
10.00 Skipper Briefing @ Regatta village
13.30 First Warning Signal

Saturday, July 2nd

TBD Races

Sunday, July 3rd

TBD Races
After Races Prize Giving @ Regatta Village

5.2 Number of races:

A maximum of **8** races is planned.

A maximum of 3 races can be sailed on any racing day.

5.3 The scheduled time of warning signal for the first race is **Friday July 1st - h. 13.30**

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after **15.00.**

- 6 CLASS FLAG**
Class Flag will be the hosting Yacht Club Flag.
- 7 RACING AREAS**
Races will be held in the water in front of the town hosting the event..
- 8 THE COURSES**
Diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including 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.
- 8.1 Course 1**
Start – W – WO – Gate – W – WO – Finish (Downwind).
- 8.2 Course 2**
Start – WI – W – WI – Gate – WI – W – WI – Finish (Downwind).
The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate.
- 8.3 Course 3**
Start – WI – W – WO – WI – Gate – WI – W – WO – WI – Finish (Downwind).
The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W, WO and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate.
- 8.4** *No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course number and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.*
- 8.5** *Courses can be shortened provided that a shortened race has a minimum of 3 legs.*
The legs described as follows are not legs on the purpose of SI 8.5:
W – WO; WI – W, W – WI, WO – WI.
This changes rule 32.
- 9 MARKS**
- 9.1** Marks W / WI / GS / GP will be cylindrical inflatable YELLOW buoy. WO will be cylindrical inflatable GREY buoy.
- 9.2** <spare>
- 9.3** The finishing mark will be cylindrical inflatable GREY buoy or another race committee boat displaying an orange flag.
- 9.4** The starting Mark will be RC boats on both end of the line, if not applicable the mark at the port-end of the starting line will be cylindrical inflatable GREY buoy.
- 9.5** All the marks, except the gate, shall be left to port. *At the gate if one mark is missing the other one shall be left to port; this change RRS 34.*
- 9.6** New marks W and WI, as described in SI 12.1 will be cylindrical inflatable RED buoy. New Mark WO will be GREY buoy.
- 9.7** A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.
- 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**
In case of Sailing forbidden areas these will be notified on the Official Notice Board.
When these areas are notified, these will be considered "obstruction" as per definition & related application of RRS 19 & 20.
- 11 THE START**
- 11.1** Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC pin-end vessel.
In case of absence of the pin-end vessel the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and the course side of the mark at the port-end of the line as per SI 9.4.
- 11.3** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scores DID NOT START (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A 4.
- 11.4** The Race Committee may communicate by radio **VHF 72** individual and general recalls.
In such case, bow numbers, sail numbers or boat names may be called out for their identification.
Delay in the radio communication of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This modifies RRS 62.1.a).
This rule does not reduce, modify or exonerate each boat's responsibility to start in accordance with the RRS.
- 11.5** *If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed. This changes RRS 26, 63.1 and A5. RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) does not apply. The scoring abbreviation under this rule is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviation.*
- 11.6** Boats to be scored BFD or UFD under SI 11.5 will be hailed as described in SI 11.4. If hailed, such boats are to remove themselves from the race course at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to do so will result in a black flag

umpire penalty per SI Q3.1(c), at which time the penalized boat(s) shall promptly leave the course area.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the gate and/or the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Offset mark will be re-located.

If the Race Committee decides to change the position of the leeward mark (gate), the original gate marks will be relocated. If the Leeward mark is to be one only mark, this one shall be left to port.

When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark, as defined at SI 9.3.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 IM20CR I.3.1 (a) is CHANGED to read:

RRS 44.1 is changed to read:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

(a) A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a mark.

(b) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing outside the zone of a mark or rule 31.

(c) However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

RRS 44.2 is changed to read:

44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One- Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. However, unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or penalties on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limits and target time are as follow:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Time limite for Mark 1</i>
Melges 20	60'	90'	25'

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This change RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 The boats not finishing within 15' from the finish of the first boat, will be classified as "DNF Not Finished" without hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 **The arbitration hearings and the formal hearings will be held under Class Rule I.3.1(b).**

16.2 (a) In accordance with NoR 2.4, fleet races will be umpired under ISAF Addendum Q

(b) Umpiring: ISAF Addendum Q is modified to the effect that the Jury may take decision after racing if the incident afloat was unseen.

(c) Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

(d) The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after 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 the Regatta Village

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 (a) Breaches of S.I. 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

(b) Penalties as per point a) will be percentage based on the total number of boat of the fleet. Percentage will be between 10% and 30%. The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the number of places stated in the sailing instructions. However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

(c) The Protest Committee may impose penalties as described in 16.5(b), for breaches of Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules.

(d) If the Protest Committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

This change RRS 64.1.

16.6 On the last scheduled racing day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This change rule 66.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16.8 **Arbitration system.** Before the beginning of any hearing, the parties of a protest shall participate in an arbitration hearing with the judge in charge of this subject. The penalized party, by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator, will get 20% penalty (except that for any breach of part 2 inside the zone the penalty will be 30%). The arbitrator is allowed to consider arbitration system improper for the case and refer the matter to a formal hearing.

During the arbitration hearing witness are not allowed except for the Judges that have signaled a blue flag as per SI Q3.1(d).

The Protest Committee is allowed to accept such a penalties before the beginning of a formal hearing.

The arbitration system procedure can be held (shall be during the last day of races) on the Jury rib during the coming back and on the dock.

16.9 (a) When a boat breaks Class Rules C2.1(b) (Helmsperson) and C9.4 (Retracting Bowsprit), may be penalized on the water by an umpire displaying a red flag with one sound signal. The umpire will identify such a boat by hailing or pointing to her. The penalized boat shall take a penalty in accordance to S.I. 14.1.

(b) Helmsperson

When, whilst a boat is racing, the umpires observe any crew member other than the 'Principal Helmsperson' steering the boat, they may penalize that boat in accordance with SI 16.9(a) and Addendum Q4.1(g).

Aiding steering the boat in a situation where it is reasonable to expect a collision or injury might occur will not be penalized if a boat does not come out in a better position than it would have done otherwise.

However if the umpires observe a crew member aiding steering, and they are not yet certain as to whether this is an infringement, they will signal a warning by displaying a yellow flag and pointing conspicuously to the boat concerned. Only one warning will be made for an incident.

17 SCORING

17.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point scoring system.

17.2 One (1) race is needed for the regatta to be scored as single event.

17.3 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.2 Boats not leaving the harbour for the races of the day (DNC) shall inform the race office as soon as possible.

18.3 Boats not starting or retiring from a race (DNS - DNF) shall inform the race office or the race committee as soon as possible.

18.4 All boats shall return only to their allocated moorings.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to

a designated area for inspection.

- 20.2 Boats registered with an outboard fuel engine shall leave the shore carrying on board 4,5 liters of fuel instead of 3 liters (class rule C.5.1 (b)(4)). this supplementary quantity of 1,5 liters can be used only for emergency and the use shall be reported to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 **EVENT ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority as per Annex 1 of Notice of Race.

22 **OFFICIAL BOATS**

The official boats will be identified by displaying flags as follows:

Race Committee Boat	Yacht Club flag
Jury Boats	YELLOW/ORANGE flag
Measurer Boat	White flag with a "M"
Media	White flag with a "P"

23 **SUPPORT BOATS**

- 23.1 Refer to IM20CR I.4

- 23.2 Support boat will be identified by displaying a flag as provided by the OA (number corresponding to the team bow number)

24 **TRASH DISPOSAL**

According to IM20CR I.4 Trash shall remain onboard until the end of the last race of the day but to throw the trash on the water will be considered a breach even between races.

25 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

The boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

26 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as per Notice of Race.

29 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

28 **MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

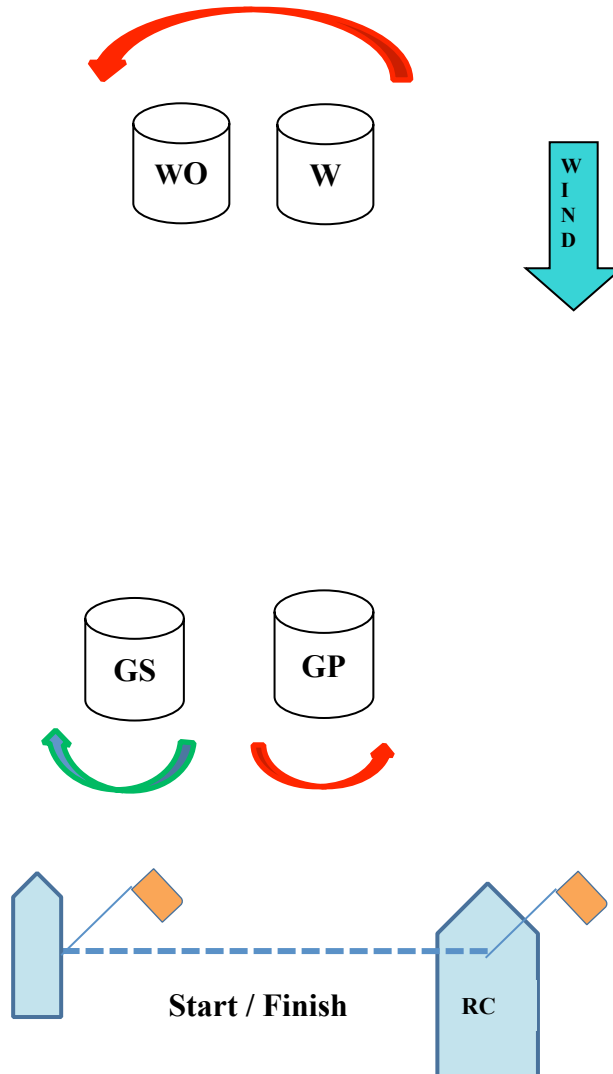
- (a) The OA may require media personnel, equipment and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.
- (b) The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- (c) The OA shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation data.

The Race Committee

Appendix A

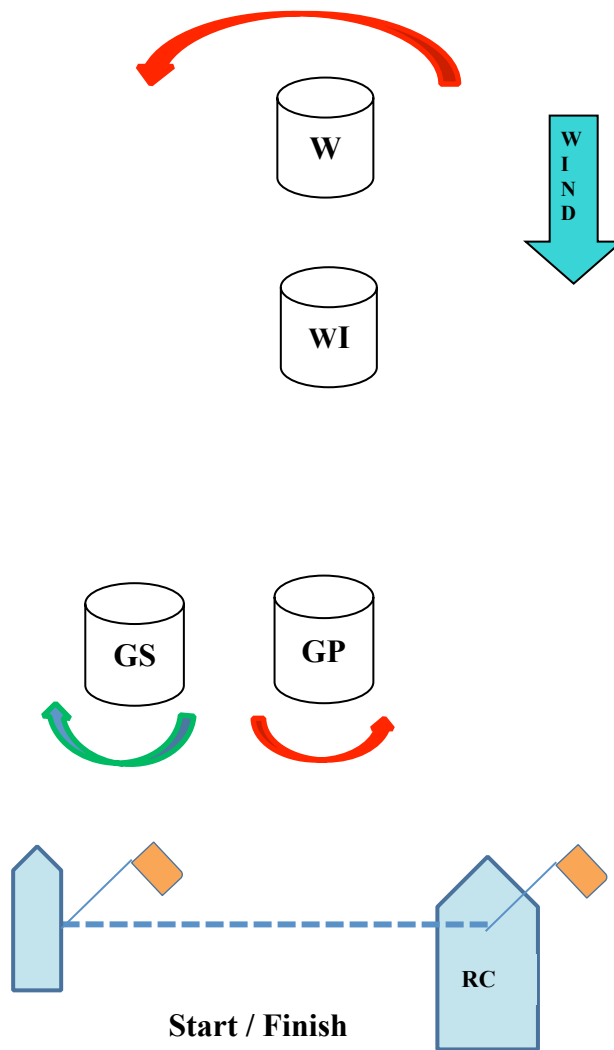
SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF THE COURSE. THE DISTANCES AND MARK POSITIONS ARE NOT IN SCALE.

COURSE 1



Start – W – WO – Gate – W – WO – Finish (Downwind).

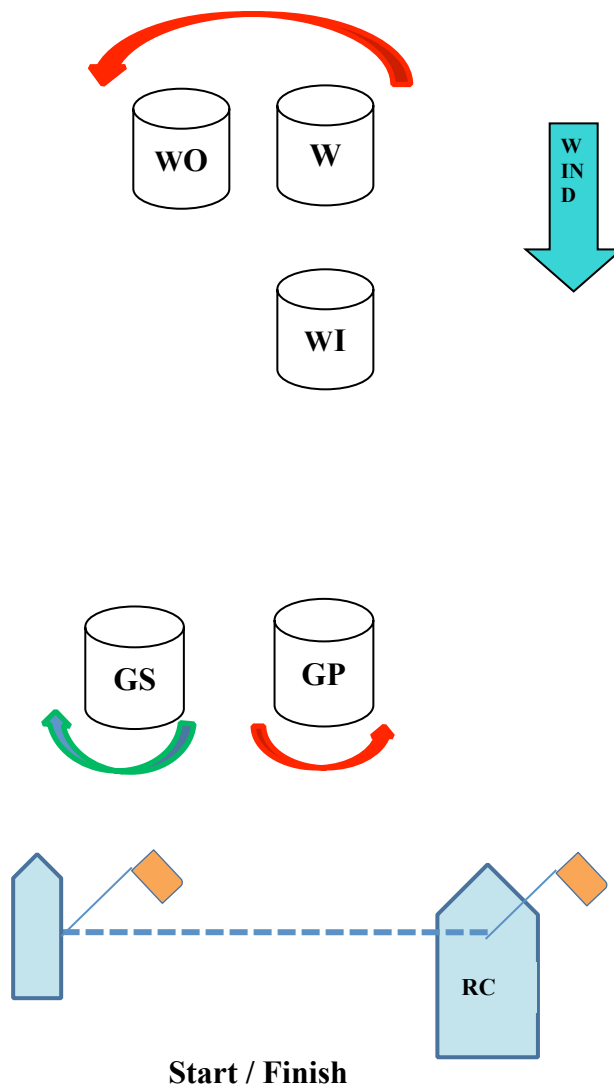
COURSE 2



Start – WI – W – WI – Gate – WI – W – WI – Finish (Downwind).

The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate.

COURSE 3



Start – WI – W – WO – WI – Gate – WI – W – WO – WI – Finish (Downwind).

The Race Committee will lay Mark W approximately 50 meters to windward of Mark WI. *Boats shall pass in order Marks WI, W, WO and then WI to port before proceeding to the Gate.*

ADDENDUM Q

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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

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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.

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.

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 or Two-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) 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.'
- (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 yellow 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, or after the incident.

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is only entitled to a hearing if the umpires acknowledge her protest by displaying a "Blue" flag, or there is no signal from the umpires and no penalty is taken by the protested boat. A boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn or Two-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 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, or
- (d) protest a boat after the umpires have answered their protest with a "Blue" flag, or
- (e) protest a boat after there is no signal from the umpires and no penalty is taken by the protested boat.

shall hail or contact by VHF the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instruction 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.
- (d) A blue flag with one long sound signal means 'The umpires do not have the facts required to make a decision'.
- (e) A yellow flag with one long sound means 'A boat is under observation for Class Rule C2.1(b).

- Q3.2**
- (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn or Two-Turn Penalty as described in SI 14.1.
 - (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,
- (g) breaks Class Rules C2.1(b) (Helmsperson) and C9.4 (Retracting Bowsprit), 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 SI 14.1, 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.
 - (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.