



Sailing Instructions Amendment No. 1

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 2-4, 2017 for the one design classes and on Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4, 2017 for the [Finn, Wayfarer](#), PHRF, Turbo, Viper, Star, C&C 35 Mark 1, and Lightning classes.

17A. PENALTY TURNS

- 17A.1 For the [Beneteau 36.7 class](#), Cal 25 class, the J 70 class, the Lightning class, and the Melges 24 class only, the first three sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, she may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 in the zone around a mark (other than starting mark)."

19. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 19.1 RRS Appendix T applies. [See Attachment A.](#)

ATTACHMENT A
Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

61.4 *Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress*

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

After rule 67 add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- (b) *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

After rule 70.5(a) add:

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

After rule 76.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or age.

~~APPENDIX T, SECTION D (ARBITRATION)~~

~~*When Section D applies, a boat may take the applicable Post Race Penalty in Section B⁺ [of Appendix T] without participating in an arbitration hearing.*~~

~~*T5.1 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if the meeting is in progress, it will be closed.*~~

~~*T5.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:*~~

- ~~*(a) the protest is invalid,*~~

⁺Rule T2.2 in Section B of Appendix T provides that the Post Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

~~(b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or~~

~~(c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.~~

~~T5.3 A boat that may have broken a rule may take a Post Race Penalty as provided in Section B [of Appendix T]. However, the penalty in rule T2.2(a) is available only until the protest time limit or until the beginning of the arbitration meeting, whichever is earlier. During a meeting, a boat may take a penalty by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.~~

~~T5.4 If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.~~