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NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

No. 1

**ADDENDUM Q**  
**UMPIRED FLEET RACING**

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

**Version:** Melges 40 – 2018-01

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70.

**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 Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.’
- (b) Spare.
- (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.
- (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(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.
- (g) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

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## **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 flag Y 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 not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 and SI 14.1. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.

**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, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while flag B is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.

**Q2.4** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or rule 28, 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
- (d) spare
- (e) spare

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) spare



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- (e) A yellow flag with one long sound means 'A boat is under observation for Class Rule C2.1(b) or C2.1(c).

- Q3.2**
- (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 and 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), C2.1(c) (Helmsperson),

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2 and 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** The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to 'She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next *mark* or *finished*.' A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified 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 rule 28 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. 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 to 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.

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- (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.
- (d) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with instruction Q5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

**Q5.4** The race committee will not protest a boat.

**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 rule 28, a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Organizing Authority

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