

## **BASIC PRINCIPLES: SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES**

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of *rules* that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of **sportsmanship** is that when a boat breaks a *rule* and is not exonerated she will promptly take an appropriate penalty or action, which may be to retire.

*Be a lady or a gentleman*

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Participants are encouraged to **minimize any adverse environmental impact** of the sport of sailing.

### ***Part 1 Fundamental Rules:***

#### **1 SAFETY**

##### **1.1 Helping Those in Danger**

A boat, competitor, or *support person* shall give **all possible help to any person or vessel in danger**.

##### **1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices**

A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her class rules make some other provision. Each **competitor is individually responsible** for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

#### **2 FAIR SAILING**

A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized **principles of sportsmanship and fair play**. A boat may be penalized under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated. The penalty shall be a **disqualification** that is not excludable.

#### **3 DECISION TO RACE**

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

**Part 1 Fundamental Rules continued:**

**4 ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES**

**4.1** (a) **By participating** or intending to participate in an event conducted under the *rules*, each competitor and **boat owner agrees to accept the rules**.

(b) A **support person** by providing support, or a parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter an event, agrees to **accept the rules**.

**4.2** Each competitor and boat owner agrees, on behalf of their **support persons**, that such *support persons* are **bound by the rules**.

**4.3** **Acceptance of the rules** includes agreement

(a) to be governed by the *rules*;

(b) to **accept the penalties** imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, **subject to the appeal** and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules*;

(c) with respect to any such determination, **not to resort to any court of law** or tribunal **not provided for in the rules**; and

(d) by each competitor and **boat owner to ensure** that their **support persons are aware of the rules**.

**4.4** The **person in charge of each boat** shall ensure that all competitors in the **crew** and the boat's owner are **aware of their responsibilities under this rule**.

**4.5** This rule may be changed by a prescription of the national authority of the venue.

**5 RULES GOVERNING ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS**

The organizing authority, race committee, technical committee, protest committee and other race officials shall be governed by the *rules* in the conduct and judging of the event.

**Part 1 Fundamental Rules continued:**

**6 WORLD SAILING REGULATIONS**

**6.1** Each competitor, boat owner and *support person* shall comply with the World Sailing Regulations that have been designated by World Sailing as having the status of a *rule*. These regulations as of 30 June 2020 are the World Sailing:

- Advertising Code
- Anti-Doping Code
- Betting and Anti-Corruption Code
- Disciplinary Code
- Eligibility Code
- Sailor Categorization Code

**6.2** Rule 63.1 does not apply unless *protests* are permitted in the Regulation alleged to have been broken.

*These are either egregious or clear cut*

**Rule 63.1: Requirement for a hearing**

A boat or competitor **shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except** as provided in rules 30.2, 30.3, 30.4, 64.4(d), 64.5(b), 64.6, 69, 78.2, A5.1 and P2. A decision on redress shall not be made without a hearing. The protest committee shall hear all *protests* and requests for redress that have been delivered to the race office unless it allows a *protest* or request to be withdrawn.

**rules 30.2: Z Flag rule.** If Flag Z displayed, no part of hull in triangle formed by starting line and first mark during last minute before start, 20% penalty without hearing

**30.3, U Flag rule.** Same as Z but disqualified without hearing

**30.4, Black Flag Rule.** Same as Z but disqualified without hearing

**64.4(d),** boat penalized under a **class rule**

**64.5(b),** breach of a rule by a **support person** and boat gained advantage

**64.6, Discretionary penalties:** boat reports that she has broken a rule

**69, Misconduct**

**78.2,** requirement of a **valid certificate** to race

**A5.1** A boat that did not start, sail the course or finish, or comply with rule 30.2, 30.3, 30.4 or 78.2, or that retires or takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a), shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing.

**and P2, PENALTIES**

**P2.1 First Penalty:** first penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a **Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2**. If she **fails to take it** she shall be **disqualified without a hearing**.

**P2.2 Second Penalty:** Penalized a second time, shall promptly retire. If she **fails to do disqualified** without a hearing.

**P2.3 Third and Subsequent Penalties:** penalized a third or subsequent time, she shall **promptly retire**. If she does so disqualification without a hearing. If she fails to do so penalty disqualification without a hearing from all races in the event, with no score excluded, protest committee consider a hearing under rule 69.2.

**P2.4 Penalties Near the Finishing Line:** If a boat is penalized under rule P2.2 or P2.3 and it was not reasonably possible for her to retire before finishing, she shall be scored as if she had retired promptly.

*Sorry about the fine print to fit on the slide but I thought the context provided helps to understand the exceptions for a hearing. 😊 p.s. I cut out some adjectives and adverbs to save space but kept the intent of the rule*