



Federazione Italiana Vela



COMPAGNIA DELLA VELA



**VENICE  
INVITATIONAL  
CARNIVAL  
RACE**

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## VENICE, 1/2 MARCH 2025

### Abbreviations:

**OA** = Organizing Authority

**RRS** = Racing Rules of Sailing

**ONB** = Official Notice Board

**RC** = Race Committee

**SI** = Sailing Instructions

### Organizing Authority

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## **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) in force, including Appendix UF, the Regulations for national sport activities by Federazione Italiana Vela, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and following Official Notes.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SI, the SI and subsequent Official Notices will prevail. This changes rule 63.5 (c) RRS.
- 1.3 Rules for the use of the boats also apply for the Training Day.
- 1.4 Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 will be enforced.
- 1.6 The "PROTOCOL FOR THE REGULATION OF MEASURES FOR THE CONTRAST AND CONTAINMENT OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN AFFILIATED SPORTS COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS" will be enforced - hereinafter referred as "PROTOCOL". An infringement of the Protocol may cause the application of a penalty. The penalty for an infringement of the Protocol may be no more than 10%. The percentage will be calculated considering the arrival positions of the boat in all the races of the day in which the infringement was committed, or considering the position acquired on the day closest to when the infringement was committed.
- 1.7 In the event of a conflict between the version of NoR, SI and subsequent Official Notices in Italian or English, the Italian version will prevail.

## **2 Changes to other rules**

- 2.1 Rule 26 of the RRS (Starting races) is modified, see SI point 11.2.
- 2.2 Rule 31 of the RRS is integrates as follows: "*TOUCHING A MARK. While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course, on which is sailing, or a finishing mark finishing. Touching a mark with boom, sail or sheet is not a violation of Rule 31 of the RRS*".
- 2.3 While racing, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a mark.
- 2.4 Rule 48.2 of the RRS is integrates as follows: "*If a person on board accidentally leaves the boat and is rescued by an official boat, this boat will stop, unless other pressing duties prevent it, until the boat returns to pick up the crew member to continue racing. The intervention of the official boat is not considered external aid. This changes rule 41 of the RR*".

## **3 Advertising**

- 3.1 Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 3.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **4 Communication with Competitors**

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the ONB [www.racingrulesofsailing.org](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org) and sent via WhatsApp in the group chat of the event. Competitors are expected to check the board before/after racing and when new notices will be signaled.
- 4.2 Failure to send notices in the WhatsApp group shall not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 4.3 All communications to the competitors and between the competitors to OA or RC or Jury shall be done exclusively using the site web <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/10083/event>, included Official Notice Board (ONB) which will be virtual. See QR Code in the first page.

## **5 Sailing Instructions change**

- 5.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB and communicated to all competitors no later than 20 minutes before they will take effect. Any change to the schedule

of races will be posted by 19.30 on the day before it will take effect.

- 5.2 Changes to the SI may also be made by the RC, signaled with pennant 3 hoisted on board RC boat, and transmitted orally to all competitors before the warning signal the race which refers to.

## 6 Signals made ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff at Compagnia della Vela.
- 6.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.
- 6.3 When flag F is displayed on RC signal vessel, before or with warning signal, gennakers shall not be used while racing.

## 7 Event schedule

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| 7.1                            | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February | 09:30 - 17:00 | Registration  |
|                                |                                  | 14:00 - 17:00 | Open practice (max 1h/team)                                 |
|                                |                                  | 18:30         | Briefing and aperitif at the CDV headquarters in S. Giorgio |
|                                |                                  | 20:00         | Shuttle S. Marco – S.Zaccaria for the show in the Arsenale  |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March |                                  | 09:00         | Skipper Meeting (only one member per team)                  |
|                                |                                  | 10:30         | First Warning Signal  |
|                                |                                  | 15:30         | Last warning signal time limit                              |
|                                |                                  | 19:00         | <i>Dinner party and</i>                                     |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   |                                  | 09:00         | Skipper meeting   |
|                                |                                  | 10:00         | First warning signal  |
|                                |                                  | 15:30         | Time limit for warning signal                               |
|                                |                                  | 17:00         | Prize giving  |
- 7.2 Open Practice. Training will be limited to one (1) hour session per team as set by the Open Practice timings posted on the ONB before 10.30.
- 7.3 The participation of at least one crew member at the Skipper Meeting on March 1 at 09.00 is mandatory (unless specifically authorized by the RC).
- 7.4 The committee boat will also be a support boat for the teams that are not racing. The boat change will be carried out according to the pairing list and performed by the assistance rubbers.

## 8 Class flag

- 8.1 The class flag is the official burgee of Compagnia della Vela.

## 9 Courses

- 9.1 Attachment A of these SI shows the courses.
- 9.2 If signal C (Charlie) above S (Sierra) is displayed at the windward mark, accompanied by repeated soundings it means: "at the end of the leg, now beginning, sail directly to the finishing line omitting the remaining lap". This modified the appendix A.

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 Mark 1 will be cylindrical and yellow.
- 10.2 Mark 2 will be cylindrical and yellow. The start and finish marks will be cylindrical and yellow and may be replaced by an orange flag on the RC vessel.
- 10.3 The marks marking the boundaries of the race course (boundary) will be cylindrical and orange.

## 11 Start

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the race committee vessel and the starting mark.
- 11.2 Races will be started with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal one minute later as follows (this changes rule 26).

SIGNAL	TIME	FLAG	SOUND
Warning Signal	- 3 minutes	Displaying class flag	1 sound
Preparatory Signal	- 2 minutes	Displaying P or U or black flag	1 sound
One Minute	- 1 minute	Removing P or U or black flag	1 sound
GO!	- 0	Removing class flag	1 sound

## 12 Hange of the course

- 12.1 The course won't be shortened. This modifies RRS 32.

## 13 Finish line

- 13.1 The finish line will be same as the starting line.

## 14 Target time

- 14.1 Target race time is 10-12 minutes. A different duration will not give the right to request a redress as expected by 61.4 (b) (1) RRS.
- 14.2 Time limit for the first boat is 20 minutes.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored DNF.

## 15 Scoring

- 15.1 Low Point System will apply.
- 15.2 DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, RET, DSQ all score 1 point more than the number of boats entered into that race. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 15.3 If possible 10 races will be held.
- 15.4 Two races for all teams shall be completed for the event to be valid.
- 15.5 Series score is the amount of its individual scores according to the low point system of the RRS without any discard.
- 15.6 If at the end of the event competitors have sailed an uneven number of races due to incomplete flights, the competitors missing a race will be scored according to RRS A9 (a).
- 15.7 If a team is unable to start a race because the OA cannot supply a boat for racing, the team will get an average score for this race, according to RRS A9(b).
- 15.8 If a team is unable to participate in a race because of an accidental breakage of deck equipment, fixed or mobile maneuvers, the team will get an average score for this race, according to RRS A9(a) and only races of the day will be taken into consideration. This changes rule A9 (a) of the RRS.
- 15.9 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats the decision will be decided according to RRS A8.

## 16 Safety

- 16.1 Each competitor shall bring a personal flotation device. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered as a personal flotation device.

- 16.2 A boat retiring from the race shall immediately inform RC.  
16.3 There may be areas where navigation is prohibited. These areas will be described in a specific official notice and shall be considered as obstacles.

## **17 Crew and technical defects**

- 17.1 When a registered team member, also the skipper, is unable to continue in the event the Race Committee may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment and repairs may only be done by the repair service of the OA, or under their management.

## **18 Official boats**

- 18.1 Official boats will be marked with white flags carrying black letters as follows:
- |        |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|
| Umpire | yellow flag with "U" o "J" |
| Press  | flag "PRESS"               |
| Repair | flag "S"                   |

## **19 Electronic devices**

- 19.1 While racing, a team shall not use any electronic except watches for the start timing and a VHF. If the watch has other functions these should not be used.
- 19.2 General information from the RC will be given via VHF. The channel will be communicated during the Skipper Meeting

## **20 Support and coaches boats**

- 20.1 Coaches and support boats shall clearly display the club's burgee for identification.
- 20.2 Coaches and support boats must stay outside the lay lines and at a minimum distance of 50 meters from any racing boat and move so as not to generate waves in the racing area.

## **21 Damages**

- 21.1 When a boat has a damage, it shall display the "YELLOW" flag in order to alert the repair service and shall complete a damage report to be collected and delivered to the regatta secretariat.
- 21.2 Each teams' skipper is responsible for the damage or a loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires.

**Attachments:** Attachment A: Race Courses Attachment B: Rules for handling the boats;  
Attachment APPENDIX UF - UMPIRED FLEET RACING.

Race Committee

## ATTACHMENT B: RULES FOR HANDLING THE BOATS

### **B1 General**

B1.1 Variations in the boats and their equipment despite all measures for equalization will not be grounds for redress as expected by 61.4 (b) (1) RRS.

### **B2 Prohibited actions**

B2.1 In order to prevent damages and injuries the following actions are prohibited unless in case of emergency or directed by RC or umpires:

- (a) Sailing in a manner that could cause serious damage or injury.
- (b) Tying in, binding or dropping the jib.
- (c) Any additions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- (d) Use of equipment for a purpose other than that intended.
- (e) Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used as intended.
- (f) Replacement of any equipment. Exception: damage. In this case, the replacement may be carried out only by the repair service.
- (g) Marking of sails, boat or arranged equipment, perforation of sails or attachment of further tell-tails to the sails.

### **B3 Handing over / leaving boats**

B3.1 When a crew receives a boat, it has 3 minutes to check that the boat is okay and report possible problems or damages to RC (hail to either start boat, repair boat or the umpire boat) via VHF and displaying the yellow flag. After this time, the RC will start the starting procedure for the race. Information or reports of damage given after the Warning signal will not be a reason to postpone the start.

B3.2 Before handing over a boat to the next crew, the crew sailing the boat shall report any damage or problem with the boat. The report can be given to the crew coming for the change or directly to the person in charge of repairs.

### **B4 Crew positioning**

B4.1 The crew shall not hang, push or pull on the standing rigging to promote the maneuver or to project weight outboards. It is allowed to use the mast or the companionway for promoting the maneuver.

B4.2 The cockpit lines may be used with the exception that hanging on to the cockpit lines from the outside is prohibited.

B4.3 The crew shall not stand, sit or lie on the cockpit lines or the push pits.

### **B5 Shrouds, forestay and sails**

B5.1 It is prohibited to adjust shroud and forestay tension at all times while afloat unless otherwise instructed by the RC or the person in charge of repairs.

B5.2 The RC will may give indications on the type of headsail to be used which is binding for the crews.

### **B6 Bowsprit**

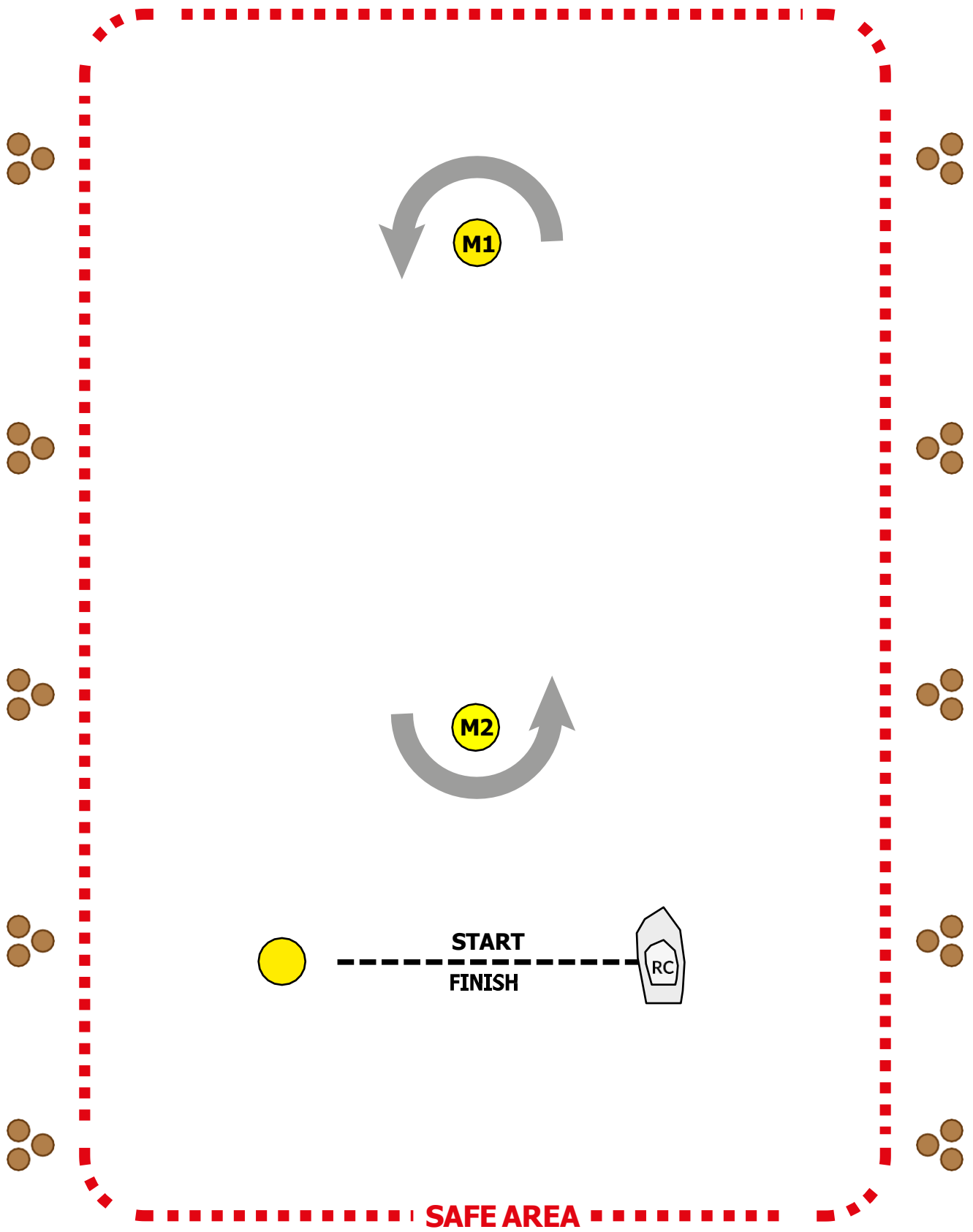
B6.1 Having the bowsprit extended, except when in the process of setting, flying or taking down the gennaker is prohibited.

B6.2 The bowsprit shall be fully retracted at the first reasonable opportunity after taking down the gennaker.

B6.3 Extending the bowsprit before getting on the new leg of the course, after entering the zone of a rounding mark without a gennaker set is prohibited.

# APPENDIX A

START - M1 - M2 - M1 - FINISH



# APPENDIX UF

## UMPIRED FLEET RACING

### VENICE INVITATIONAL CARNIVAL RACE

*Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.*

#### **UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70**

- UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: "A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*."
- UF1.2 Add new rule 7 to Part 1:
- 7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**
- 7.1 The umpires will assume possible a boat a boat shall that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.
- UF1.3 Rule 14 is changed to:
- 14 AVOIDING CONTACT**
- 14.1 if reasonably possible a boat a boat shall
- (a) avoid contact with another boat,
- (b) not cause contact between boats, and
- (c) not cause contact between a boat and an object that should be avoided
- However, a right-of-way boat, or one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled, need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not *keeping clear* or giving *room* or *mark-room*.
- 14.2 When there is contact between hulls, the umpires may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty of 1 (one) points on a boat that was penalized in the incident. Furthermore, the umpires may also impose a scoring penalty of 1 (one) points on other boats if they consider that these boats contributed to the contact.
- 14.3 When there is contact that causes damage, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty on any boat involved in the incident. The minimum penalty to be applied in such a case is 2 (two) or 4 (four) points.
- UF1.4 When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
- (b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.
- UF1.5 Rule 70 is deleted.
- UF1.6 Test rules
- (a) The definition *Mark-Room* is changed to:
- Mark-Room** Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark on the required side.
- However, *mark-room* for a boat does not include *room* to tack unless she is *overlapped* inside and to *windward* of the boat required to give *mark-room* and she would be *fetching* the *mark* after her tack.
- (b) Rule 17 is deleted.



## UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to:

### 28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2 A boat may correct any errors in sailing the course, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to finish.

UF2.2 Rule 31 is changed to:

### 31 TOUCHING A MARK

While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.

## UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

UF3.1 In this appendix, "a penalty" will mean the following: A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

UF3.2 The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: "A boat may take a penalty 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. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31."

UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

- (a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 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 red 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.
- (b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) When a boat
  - (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
  - (2) breaks rule 42,
  - (3) breaks rule 28,
  - (4) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
  - (5) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
  - (6) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
  - (7) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c),an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,
- (b) 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 rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), 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.

#### UF3.5 Umpire Signals

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.

#### UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

### UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

UF4.1 After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results on the official noticeboard.

### UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee in the following way after crossing the finish line without hindering the other boats racing.

UF5.4 The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF5.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

UF5.6 The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

UF5.7 The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: "When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement."

UF5.8 Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it

considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

- (d) 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 scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

UF5.9 The race committee will not protest a boat.

UF5.10 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF5.12 Rule 66.2 is changed to "A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening."