



Fast 40+ Class 2018 Race Circuit, On-Water Judging Guidelines – version 1.3 (23rd April 2018)

Introduction

This document sets out the approach to on-water judging for the Fast 40+ Race Circuit events.

Definitions

“Incident”; means when a competitor was required by the rules to keep clear and did not do so, or a competitor was required by the rules to give room and did not do so. Some incidents in some situations can be exonerated (see RRS 14, 21 & 64.1).

Terms of Reference

1. The class will provide on-water judging in the form of an advisory information service, at events (see NoR & SI for details).
2. This service will operate in addition to the rules and does not in any way alter, change or mitigate a boat from her responsibilities or obligations under the rules.
3. The onus on competitors implied by the rules and set out in RRS Basic Principles are not changed.
4. An on-water service will operate during races as follows:
 - a. One or more umpire boats, positioned at key points in the race area, will allow judges to observe any incidents.
 - b. In an observed incident, where at least one party clearly indicates their intention to lodge a protest, the judges will display a signal and whistle sound.
 - i. A Green/White flag signal means; ‘the judges have seen an incident, and they believe that no rule has been broken’.
 - ii. A Red flag signal means; ‘the judges have seen an incident, and they believe that a rule has been broken’.
5. It is the competitor’s obligation to determine whether she has made an infringement or not, and her responsibility to decide to take a penalty or not.
6. Competitors may lodge a protest, regardless of any signal displayed by the judges in such incidents and the judges may provide evidence at a subsequent protest hearing.
7. Where possible the following will apply for protest hearings:
 - a. A Protest Committee shall have at least 3 members.
 - b. Hearings shall be heard ashore.
8. Judges will be available after racing or subsequent protest hearings to discuss incidents and provide general rules advice to competitors.

Implementation

In order to implement this on-water judging approach the following will be included in the Sailing Instruction documents:

Sailing Instructions

The following will be added to the Sailing Instructions, under section entitled Penalties, Protests & Requests for Redress:

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