



## **FINN GOLD CUP 2015**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Takapuna, Auckland,  
New Zealand

### **Organizing Authority:**

**The Takapuna Boating Club in conjunction with the International Finn Association and the New Zealand Finn Association**

**Takapuna Beach, North Shore, Auckland,**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Finn Class Major Championship Rules.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting New Zealand will not apply except the prescription relating to rule 68 – Damages, which states:
  1. The findings of fact, and decisions of protest committees, shall be relevant only for the purpose of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
  2. All claims for damages arising from breaches of any of these rules are matters for other jurisdictions.
  3. A boat that retires from a race, or a penalty, does not, by that action alone, admit liability.
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4 Rule 30.3 is amended by deleting the words “sail number” and replacing them with “bow number”
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.7 For medal races or other umpired races, ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, will apply and takes precedence over any conflicting instructions.
- 1.8 In all rules governing this regatta;
  - 1.8.1[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.
  - 1.8.2[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.9 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.
- 1.10 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed before the starting signal. This changes rules 26, 63.1 and A5. The scoring abbreviation under this rule is OCS. This changes rule A11.



1.11 Boats shall at all times observe the Auckland Council Navigation Safety bylaws in particular Part 8, 55. A Moving Prohibited zone.

- (1) "A moving zone prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side of a large vessel, and continued at such width to 500m ahead, following the line of the buoyed channel when changing course, is reserved around a large vessel, when that large vessel is underway within the pilotage areas of Auckland (excluding Tamaki River) and Manukau.
- (2) "When navigating within a marked channel, the moving prohibited zone to the side of the vessel is reduced to the width of the marked channel and the zone ahead of the vessel shall follow the line of the marked channel."
- (3) The owner or person in charge of a vessel must not navigate the vessel within the moving prohibited Zone of a large vessel, within the pilotage areas of Auckland (excluding Tamaki River) and Manukau.
- (4) For the purpose of this clause, a tug and barge is considered a composite unit.

## 2 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 2.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.2 Competitors shall comply with the event sign-out and sign-in procedures when going afloat and returning to the shore by signing in and out at the tent located at the top of the launch ramp.
- 2.3 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 2.4 On arrival at the racing area, boats shall sail closely by the race committee boat, clearly showing their sail numbers.
- 2.5 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 2.6 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds or broadcasts 'Code Flag "Victor"' on the designated VHF Channel, all official and coach boats shall monitor VHF Channel 77 for search, rescue and other instructions.

## 3 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP][NP]

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 3.2 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

## 4 FORMAT OF RACING

Stage No	Stage Name	Total Races	Races Per Day		Eligible Boats	Addendum Q Applies
			Scheduled	Max		
1	Fleet Series	10	2	3	All	No
2	Final Race	1	1	1	Boats not eligible for Stage 3	No
3	Medal Race	1	1	1	Top ten boats after Stage 1	Yes



- 4.1 The assignments for Stages 2 and 3 will be based on the ranking available either at the close of protest time after Stage 1/2 or, if there are hearings that affect qualification for Stage 3, as soon as those hearings have been completed. The protest committee may extend this time.
- 4.2 For boats assigned to the Final Race, the Fleet series is extended to include the Final Race.

## 5 COURSE AREAS

- 5.1 The course area, including the medal-race course, is shown in SI Addendum A.

## 6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1, 1a (offset mark), 2 and 3, or associated gate marks, will be as follows:

Stage	Marks 1, 2, 3	Mark 1a	Replacement Mark	Port End Starting Mark	Finishing Outer Distance Mark
Fleet Series	Orange Cylindrical buoy	Orange Cylindrical buoy	Yellow Cylindrical buoy	Committee Boat	Committee Boat
Final Race	Orange Cylindrical buoy	Orange Cylindrical buoy	Yellow Cylindrical buoy	Committee Boat	Committee Boat
Medal Race	Orange Cylindrical buoy	Orange Cylindrical buoy	Yellow Cylindrical buoy	Committee Boat	Committee Boat

## 8 CLASS FLAGS

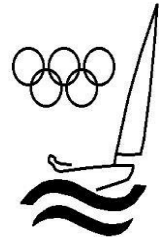
- 8.1 The Class flag will be the class insignia on a white background. For the medal race, the class flag will be displayed over a Yellow flag.

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end. In the event that the port end race committee vessel is not in place, it will be replaced by a black cylindrical buoy with a white band.



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## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the nearby race committee boat.
- 10.2 In the event that the above mentioned committee vessel is not in place, it will be replaced by a black cylindrical buoy with a white band.

## 11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 11.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Stage	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
Stage 1 or 2 (1 or 2 races per day)	120	40	20	75
Stage 1 (3 races per day)	120	40	20	60
Stage 3	60	20	10	30

- 11.2 Boats that do not finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.3 If no boat rounds Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

## 12 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 12.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the lower level of the Takapuna Boating Club
- 12.2 Signals ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located on the front deck of the Takapuna Boating Club.
- 12.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 12.4 Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbour or shore. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.

## 13 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races, including races re-scheduled under SI 14.2, will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

## 14 SCHEDULE OF RACES and OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Date	Stage/Function	Scheduled No of Races	Time (1 <sup>st</sup> Warning)	Location
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Measurement/Registration		0800 – 2000hrs	Takapuna Boating Club
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Opening Ceremony		1900hrs	Takapuna Boating Club
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Measurement/ Registration		0800 – 2000hrs	Takapuna Boating Club
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Measurement/ Registration		0800 – 2000hrs	Takapuna Boating Club
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Competitors Briefing		1000hrs	Takapuna Boating Club
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Practice Race	1	1300hrs	Off East Coast Bays
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Fleet Series	2	1200hrs	Off East Coast Bays
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Fleet Series	2	1200hrs	Off East Coast Bays
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Fleet Series	2	1200hrs	Off East Coast Bays
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Fleet Series	2	1200hrs	Off East Coast Bays
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Fleet Series	2	1200hrs	Off East Coast Bays
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Final Race/ Medal Race	1	1100hrs	Off Takapuna Beach
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Closing Ceremony/ Prizegiving		After racing	Takapuna Boating Club

- 14.1 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 14.2 Races not sailed on the scheduled day may be sailed on a following day at the discretion of the race committee, except that no more than 3 races of the Fleet Series shall be sailed on any day.
- 14.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 14.4 There will be no Stage 2 or 3 unless 5 races have been completed in the Fleet Series.
- 14.5 No warning signal will be made after 1530hrs on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## 15 COURSE CHANGES

- 15.1 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32. The length and direction of legs of the course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.
- 15.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. After mark 1 has been replaced, mark 1a will not be reset.

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office located on the lower level of the Takapuna Boating Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the last race of a Stage, whichever is earlier.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the upper level of the Takapuna Boating Club beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.7 Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP] or class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee, but the IFA approved guidance will be followed.
- 16.8 A boat may accept a discretionary penalty for the breach of a rule subject to [DP] by acknowledging the breach before a hearing.
- 16.9 On the last day of the Fleet Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
  - 16.9.1 within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - 16.9.2 no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.10 On the last day of the Fleet Series, or on the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**17 SCORING**

- 17.1 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 17.2 The regatta score shall be the total of the Fleet Series score plus the Medal Race score. This changes RRS4.

Stage No	Stage Name	Excluded Scores	Scoring System
1	Fleet Series	1, when 5 fleet races scored	RRS App A
2	Final Race	May be excluded	RRS App A – all finishing scores plus 10 points. Letter scores based on number of boats in Stage 1. Then race scored as last race in Fleet Series
3	Medal Race	Not excludable	RRS App A – Points doubled and all scores based on number of boat in the Medal Stage



- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 17.4 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 17.5 The boats assigned to compete in Stage 3 will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat disqualified under RRS 5, 6 or 69.
- 17.6 For boats assigned to compete in Stage 3, ties in the regatta score are broken by the Stage 3 score. This changes RRS A8. For boats with the same points score in Stage 3, ties in the regatta score are broken applying RRS A8 to the Stage 1 scores.
- 17.7 A boat assigned to compete in Stage 3 shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta. If there are two or more such boats, they will be ranked ninth and tenth etc., in order of their opening-series ranks, and so on. This changes RRS A2.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

- 18.1 Details of pre-first race equipment inspection, location and schedules will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.2 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. When instructed by an event equipment inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee or event equipment inspector. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity in writing on a form available from the Race Office.

## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

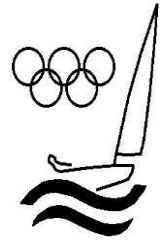
- 20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
  - 20.1.1 Equipment Inspection – White flag with the word 'GEAR' in black.
  - 20.1.2 Jury/Judges White background with black 'IJ'
  - 20.1.3 Media – White with black 'M'
  - 20.1.4 Organisers/VIP- White background with Black 'VIP'.
  - 20.1.5 Race Committee – Takapuna Boating Club burgee
  - 20.1.6 Rescue or Course Marshalls – Same as Race Committee.
  - 20.1.7 Umpires – White background with Black 'IJ'

## **21 COACH BOATS [DP]**

- 21.1 For the purposes of these sailing instructions a coach boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is providing physical, morale or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 21.2 Coach boats shall display their national flag or national letters at least 200mm high and clearly visible from both sides.
- 21.3 Coach boats shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 21.4 Coach boats shall not be positioned:
  - 21.4.1 Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing.



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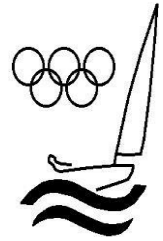


- 21.4.2 Within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.4.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
- 21.4.4 Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
- 21.4.5 Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 21.5 In addition, coach boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
- 21.6 Coach boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 21.7 Additional restrictions apply to medal races and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 21.8 The International Jury may direct the organizing authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of this sailing instruction.
- 21.9 Attention is drawn to the relevant local council bylaws regarding wearing of life jackets and other restrictions. A copy of these is on the official noticeboard located in the Takapuna Boating Club.
- 21.10 Boats associated with the regatta and registered support boats shall comply with the New Zealand Government regulation "Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996". This registration prohibits anchoring in the area shaded in the "No Anchoring Area" in Addendum A and defined on charts NZ 532 and NZ 5322.
- 21.11 Any support boat breaking NoR Clause 14.1 or SI 21 will be subject to a hearing which may result in a report to Their national authority and ISAF. As a consequence, a competitor associated with the skipper of the support craft may be penalised in the race closest to the time of the infringement 21.12 Addendum A shows the Prohibited Anchoring Area shaded in Pink.
- 22 IDENTIFICATION, ADVERTISING, CAMERAS and ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP]**
- 22.1 When provided by the organizing authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed.
- 22.1.1 Yellow, blue or red bibs.
- 22.1.2 Bow numbers.
- 22.1.3 Event sponsor advertising.
- 22.2 When provided by the organising authority, boats shall carry the following electronic equipment as instructed:
- 22.2.1 Cameras,
- 22.2.2 Sound equipment, and 22.2.3  
Position tracking equipment.
- 22.3 Competitors shall make a genuine effort to comply with the instructions for operating the equipment as provided by the organising authority.
- 22.4 While competitors should take every care of the equipment, the organising authority alone is liable for loss or damage to the cameras and any equipment used for installing the cameras on the boats.
- 22.5 For the purposes of RRS Part 2 and the related Definitions, cameras and camera installation equipment are not considered to be part of the boat on which they are installed.
- 22.6 Boats shall avoid contact with cameras and camera installation equipment on other boats; however, a breach of this sailing instruction shall not be subject to any penalty.
- 23 BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]**
- 23.1 When ashore, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.





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**24 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

24.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**25 PRIZES**

25.1 The class perpetual trophies will be awarded, including the winner of the Finn Gold Cup Championship. The Organizing Authority will provide prizes for the top 10 boats overall and top 5 juniors overall Prizes will be awarded to the skippers finishing first in each race.

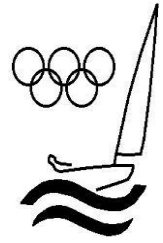
25.2 The prize giving ceremony will take place after racing on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2105 at the Takapuna Boating Club.

**26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

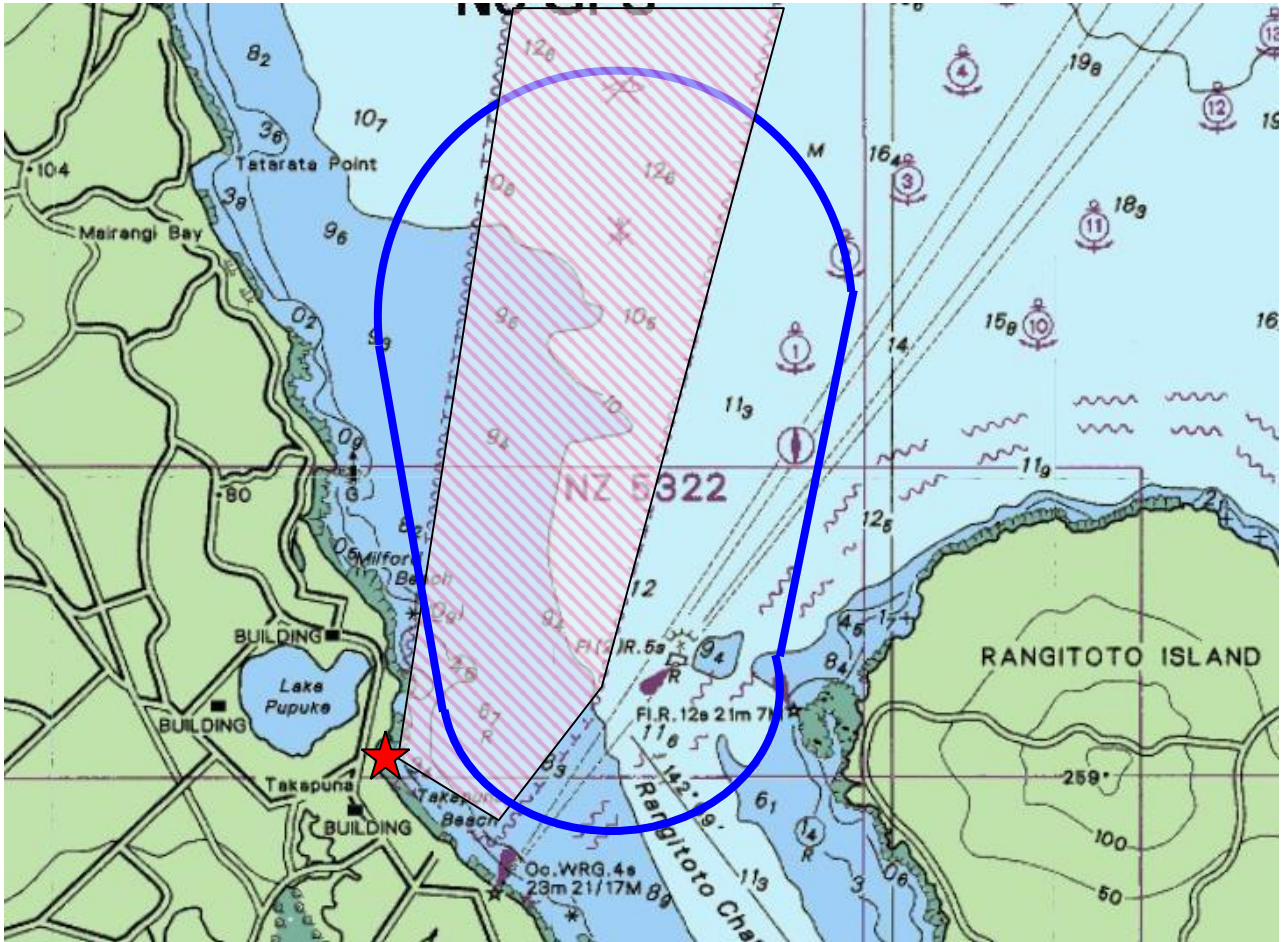
26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor ISAF will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



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ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREAS - Location and any Prohibited areas



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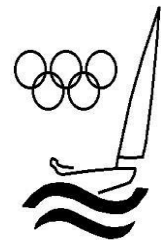
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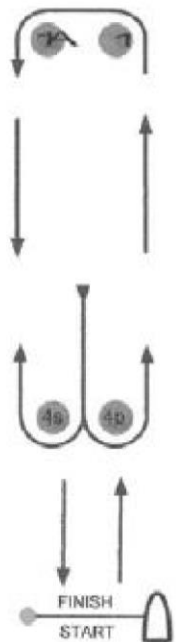
Prohibited anchoring area



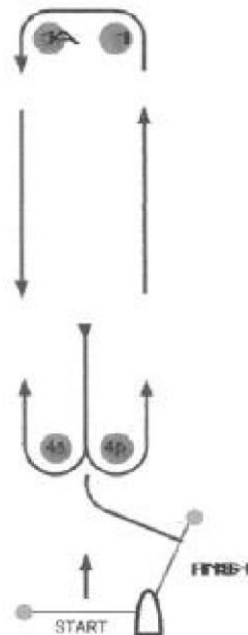
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ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS and MARK ROUNDING ORDER



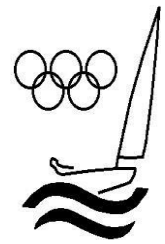
**Signal**    **Mark Rounding Order**  
LA2    1 - 1A - 4s/4p - 1 - 1A - Finish



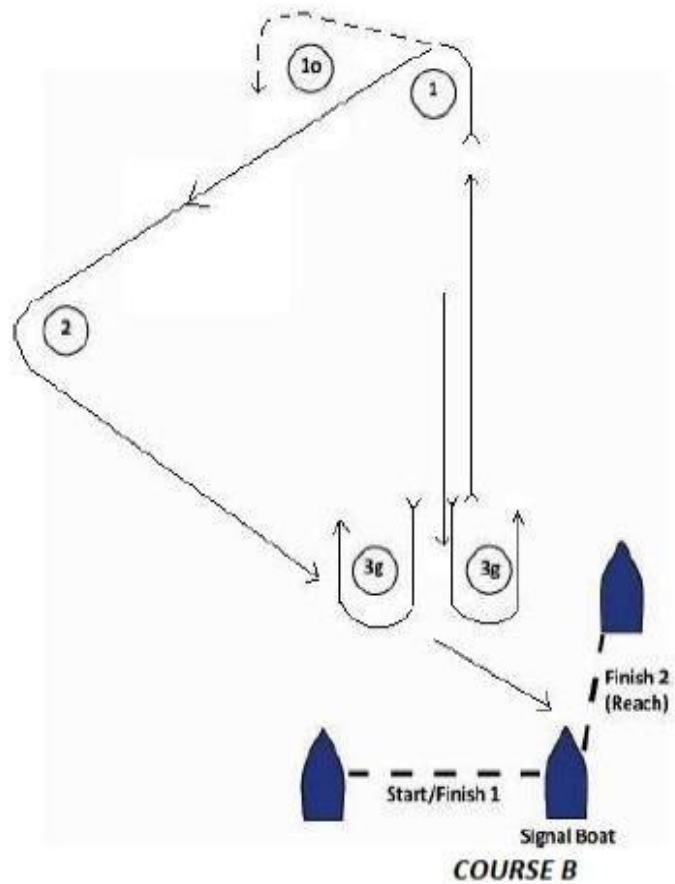
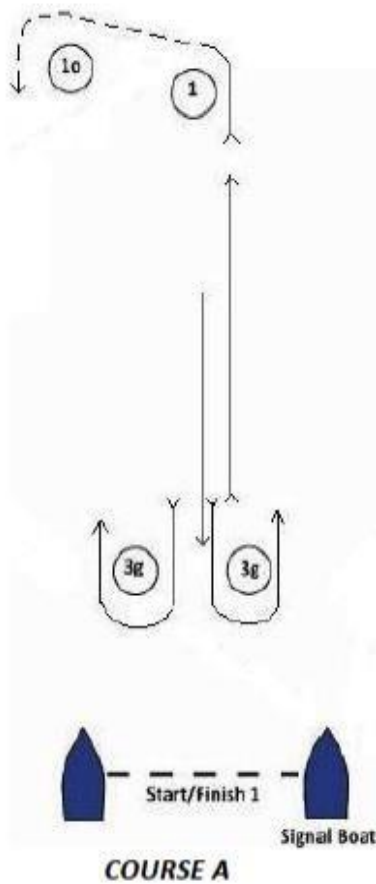
**Signal**    **Mark Rounding Order**  
LAR2    1 - 1A - 4s/4p - 1 - 1A - 4p - Finish



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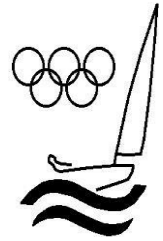


COURSE	ROUNDING ORDER
A	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 1o(p) → Finish (Downwind)
B	Start → 1(p) → 1o(p) → 3g → 1(p) → 2(p) → Finish (Reach)





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## ADDENDUM Q

### UMPIRED FLEET RACING

*Under rule 86.2 and Regulation 28.1.3, the ISAF has approved the use of these sailing instructions as an addendum to the sailing instructions in World Championship Grade, Grade 1 and Grade C1 events and the ISAF Sailing World Cup from January 21, 2013 and until changed, for umpired fleet racing in the last race(s) of each series for the Olympic classes. Similar events are also encouraged to use the addendum. This can be done under rule 86.3 if the national authority prescribes that rule changes are allowed for the purpose of development and testing. Please note that the national authority may prescribe that such changes require its approval. Events that use this addendum are requested to provide feedback to the ISAF to support further development.*

*Races may be sailed under the sailing instructions in this addendum only if the notice of race so states and the addendum is included in the sailing instructions.*

*Use of this addendum is recommended for races in which about ten one-design boats compete with umpires present. There should be one umpire boat for every three or four boats in the fleet.*

***When Addendum Q is printed in the sailing instructions, this paragraph and the three paragraphs above should be deleted. Nothing below should be changed or deleted.***

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

**Version:** January 21, 2013

*Marginal marks indicate important changes from the previous version.*

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B5.

#### **Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES**

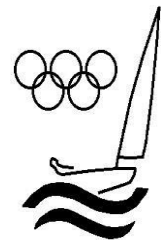
*Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5.*

##### **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.



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Instruction Q1.1(b) does not apply to boards.

## **Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration**

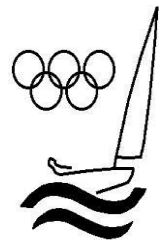
- (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while *racing*.'
- (b) For boards, the One-Turn Penalty is one 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe.
- (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. Rule B5 is 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.

## **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 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. However, a board need not display a red flag.
- 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 as described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.
- 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 for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.



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- Q2.4** A boat intending to
- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), 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 shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and 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.

- Q3.2**
- (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.
  - (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**

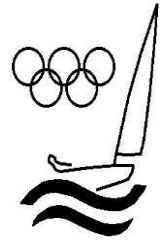
**Q4.1** When a boat

- (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,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to



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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** (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.
- (b) When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her 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 Q4.2(a) 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 or the protest committee. 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 not 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.
- (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.
- Q5.4** The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.
- 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 Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.