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# Schools Fleet Racing Term 4 2021

**Schools Fleet Racing**  
10 – 24 October 2021 (3 Weeks)

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Organising Authority  
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*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 will apply (See Here).
- 1.3. Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 1.4. Appendix UF (as amended) shall apply.
- 1.1. Appendix P2.2 is amended as follows: When a boat is penalized more than once during the regatta, she shall promptly retire from each race in which she is has been penalized. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.
- 1.2. Appendix P2.3 is deleted
- 1.3. Competitors must comply with Qld Government COVID-19 contact tracing via the electronic app "Check in Qld".

## **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/> .
- 3.2. The race office is located at The RQYS Sailing Office located adjacent to Rigging Lawn 2, telephone 3396 8666, email [sailing@rqys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rqys.com.au) .
- 3.3. [DP][NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 10 October & 17 October 2021	Briefing on the Rigging Lawn	8:30 AM
	First Warning Signal (5 Races)	9:45 AM
Sunday 24 October 2021	Briefing on the Rigging Lawn	8:30 AM
	First Warning Signal (5 Races)	9:45 AM
	Presentation on the Rigging Lawn	After Racing

- 6.1. No warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 6.2. The Race Officer may elect to come in for a break and will notify sailors by using L flag.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flag will be the Pacer Class flag.

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. SI Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram in SI Attachment B shows the course, including 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.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks are as described in SI Attachment B.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## 14. TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 14.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 minutes	40 minutes	15 minutes

- 14.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **15. HEARING REQUESTS**

15.1. Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.3. Hearing request forms are available online at <https://www.rqys.com.au/regatta-club-racing-documents-auditors/> or by request from the Sailing Office.

15.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the specified protest room, beginning at the time posted.

15.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## **16. SCORING**

16.1. The series shall be scored according to RRS Appendix A - Low Point System.

16.2. Four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series.

16.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

16.4. When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

16.5. When from eight (8) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two (2) scores. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

16.6. Results are tracked to a vessels sail number.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1. Competitors shall SIGN ON before leaving shore and SIGN OFF upon returning to shore, before the end of protest time.

17.2. Failure to SIGN ON shall result in the competitor receiving a Discretionary Penalty (DPI) of two (2) points for the first race of the day, but not worse than a DNF score.

17.3. Failure to SIGN OFF shall result in the competitor receiving a Discretionary Penalty (DPI) of two (2) points for the last race of the day, but not worse than a DNF score.

17.4. Competitors shall comply with the following requirements within and in the vicinity of Manly Boat Harbour:

17.4.1. All boats shall keep to the right side of the channel when entering and exiting Manly Harbour.

17.4.2. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to, as soon as possible, stay outside of the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.

17.5. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat.

17.6. 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 and SIGN OFF as soon as possible after returning ashore.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1. Skippers intending to race with a sail number or crew other than stipulated on their entry shall complete the Change of details form and lodge with the Sailing Office prior to racing. Skippers must also sign-on for the day with the correct sail number and crew. Failure to comply shall result in the skipper being scored DNC without a hearing for all races on that day. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 20.1. Official boats shall be marked with a white flag or sticker with black letters 'RC', 'J' or 'MEDIA'.

## **21. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.2. [DP][NP] Support person vessels shall display the school they are supporting.

## **22. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 22.1. [NP] Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **23. BERTHING**

- 23.1. [DP][NP] The Organising Authority may restrict areas of which vessels may rig/de-rig and launch.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd shall be awarded for each division.
- 24.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **25. RISK STATEMENT**

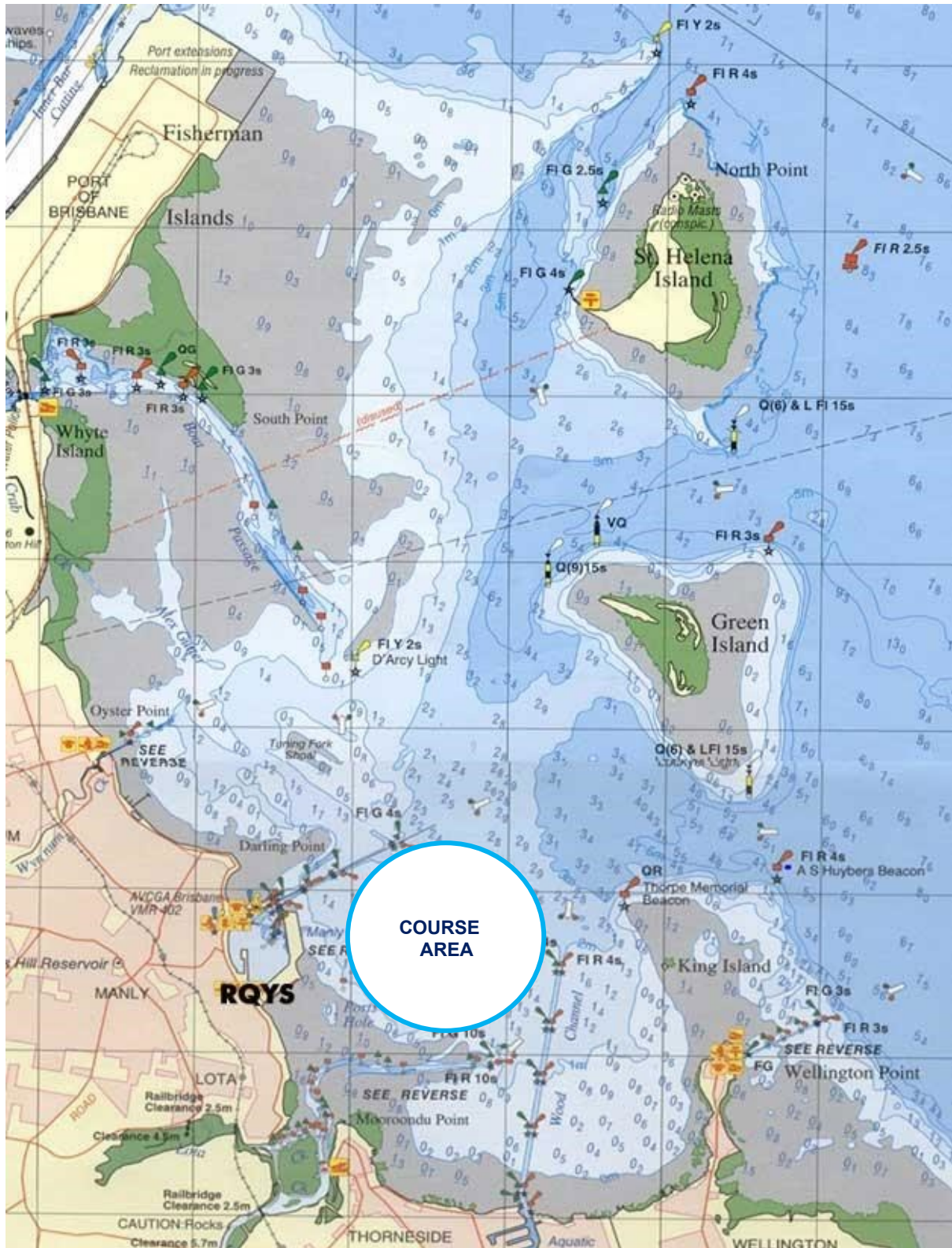
- 25.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **26. INSURANCE**

- 26.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

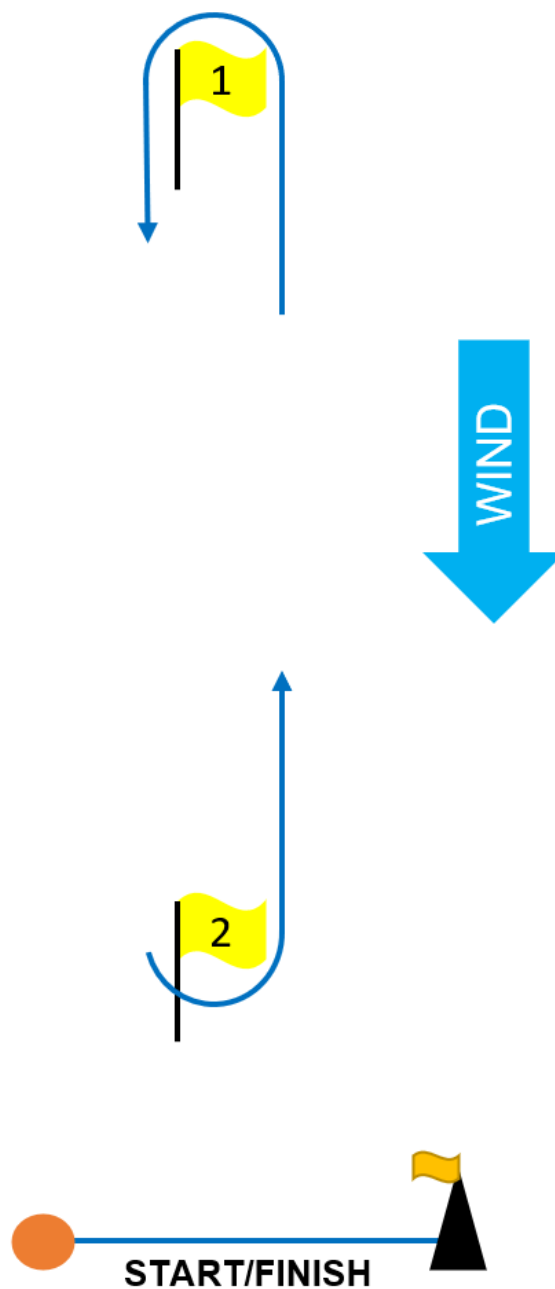


# SI ATTACHMENT A



## SI ATTACHMENT B

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
L1	Start – 1 – Finish	Marks 1: Yellow Flag
		Marks 2: Yellow Flag
L2	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish	Start Pin, Finish Pin: Orange Teardrop
L3	Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish	



## **APPENDIX UF**

### **UMPIRED FLEET RACING**

#### **TERM 4 SCHOOL FLEET RACING**

**Version:** May 2021

*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 maneuvering to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.’

**UF1.2** Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

#### **7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

The umpires will assume 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** Not used for this edition.

**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.

#### **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*.

#### **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, unless an umpire signals in accordance with UF3.5(d). 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) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
  - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
  - (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 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 a penalty or more, each signaled 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.
- (d) A J flag with one long sound means ‘The umpires do not have the facts required to make a decision.’

The umpire may also inform the boat of a decision via a transmission using VHF radio on the channel specified for radio communications in the Sailing Instructions.

**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.

**UF5.2** A boat is only entitled to a hearing when the umpires have signaled in accordance with UF3.5(d) or under UF5.3.

**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 submit a written protest or request for redress to the race committee within the time limit as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

**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 shall be submitted in writing within the time limit as outlined in the Sailing Instructions
- b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing via the official notice board for the event.
- c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in accordance with RRS Part 5 Section B.
- 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.

**UF5.11** The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

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