



**Allen Flying Eleven  
National  
Championship**

15 – 20 January 2024

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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With thanks to:



*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).*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes Rule 64.2*

*The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the SIs means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.*

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024.
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 (Off the Beach Classes) shall apply.
- 1.3. The Flying 11 class rules shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P as amended by SI 14 shall apply.
- 1.5. Appendix T – Arbitration will apply, SI Attachment C shows Appendix T in full.
- 1.6. Where there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) the SI take precedence.
- 1.7. [SP] Failure to SIGN ON shall result in that boat being penalised five (5) points for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to SIGN OFF shall result in that boat being penalised five (5) points for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties shall be applied without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.8. Competitors must follow Club Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/> )

## **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 the Main Rigging Lawn, telephone 3396 8666, email [sailing@rqys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rqys.com.au) .
- 3.3. [DP] 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

### 6.1.

DATE	EVENT	TIME or FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Monday 15 January 2024	Registration and Measurement	0830 to 1100 hrs
	Competitors Briefing	1000 hrs
	Invitation Race	Not before 1200 hrs
	Welcome Function	1800 hrs
Tuesday 16 January 2024	Registration and Measurement Race Day	0900 -1100 hrs Not before 1200 hrs
Wednesday 17 January 2024	Race Day	Not before 1200 hrs
Thursday 18 January 2024	Race Day	Not before 1200 hrs
Friday 19 January 2024	Race Day	Not before 1200 hrs
Saturday 20 January 2024	Race Day	Not before 1100 hrs
	Event Presentation (RQYS)	1700 – 1800 hrs
	Dinner @ own expense at RQYS	1800 hrs.

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.3. A maximum of ten (10) point scoring races will be sailed.

6.4. It is planned to race two races per day. If required up to four races may be sailed per day to recover any lost sailing days or after consideration of the weather forecast.

6.5. On Saturday 20 January 2024, there shall be no warning signal after 1500 hrs.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The Open Fleet Class flag is a white flag with blue Flying Eleven emblem.

## 8. RACING AREA

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

## 9. COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in SI Attachment B show the courses, 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.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.3. The diagrams are approximate only, are not to scale, and do not override any other Instruction.

## 10. MARKS

10.1. Marks are as described in SI Attachment B.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end vessel.
- 11.2. A boat that does not start within 4 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 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.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and port vessel.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The RRS are altered as follows:
  - 14.1.1. Rule 61.1(a)(2), Protest Requirements, is amended by deleting the sentence at 61.1(a)(2): "If the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag."
  - 14.1.2. Rule 64.2 is changed in that the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.
  - 14.1.3. Rule 44.1 is changed so that an infringement of Part 2 only requires a one-turn penalty.
- 14.2. Appendix P2.2 is changed to "When a boat is penalised a second or subsequent time during the event she shall immediately retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.", P2.3 is deleted for this event.
- 14.3. A National Jury has been appointed by Australian Sailing, notice of approval can be found [HERE](#).

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

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

Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 Minutes	80 minutes	20 minutes

- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office located at the RQYS Sailing Office or online: <https://www.rqys.com.au/documents-auditing/>
- 16.3. 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 will be held at a time and place advised on the hearing notice.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. Appendix A5.3 will be used for scoring.
- 17.2. Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 17.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes A2.1.
- 17.4. When from six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes A2.1.
- 17.5. When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scored. This changes A2.1.
- 17.6. All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.

## **18. [DP][NP]SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. [SP]All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The sign on will be available on the Sailing Office Deck adjacent to the main rigging lawn.
  - 18.1.1. Attention is drawn to SI 1.7.
- 18.2. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
  - 18.2.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
  - 18.2.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 18.3. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 18.4. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impeded traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock with out permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.
- 18.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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

- 19.1. No changes to helms will be accepted after close of registration on 15 January 2024.
- 19.2. Changes of forward hand will be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee on application in writing.
- 19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.4. If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Championship Measurer after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.
- 19.5. Applicable Request forms are available from the race office located at the RQYS Sailing Office or online: <https://www.rqys.com.au/documents-auditing/>

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 20.2. Notice of Race Clause 9 details measurement responsibilities.
- 20.3. [DP][NP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## 21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1. Official vessels will be identified by displaying a white flag with letter 'RC' or 'J' in black or red 'MEDIA', or a Flying 11 symbol on a flag (blue symbol on white background).

## 22. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall register with the Organising authority and stay 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless exception is granted by express authority from the Race Committee.
- 22.2. Registration for Support boat can be done on the online portal OR at the RQYS Sailing Office during Registration. Boats that do not have an identifying sticker shall pay \$10.00 to receive an identifying sticker.
  - 22.2.1. URL: <https://forms.office.com/r/EnvfENCxtz>
  - 22.2.2. ID Stickers (pre purchase link): <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/product/30940/>
- 22.3. Support and spectator boats that do not register will not be permitted to launch or retrieve from RQYS premises, or berth there overnight; the Organising Authority reserves the right to remove such vessels from their premises.
- 13.4 All support/coach boats must have capability of communicating on VHF channel 72, 77 and 16 for the duration of the regatta.

## 23. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## 24. [DP][NP] STORAGE / RIGGING AREAS

- 24.1. Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by the RQYS Sailing or Marina office.
- 14.2 Boats may only be stored on the RQYS rigging lawn for the duration of the regatta & 24hrs before/after the regatta, unless otherwise approved by the OA.
- 24.2. No tie down restraints may penetrate the ground deeper than 300mm due to lawn irrigation

## 25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be given as per Notice of Race Clause 19.

## 26. RISK STATEMENT

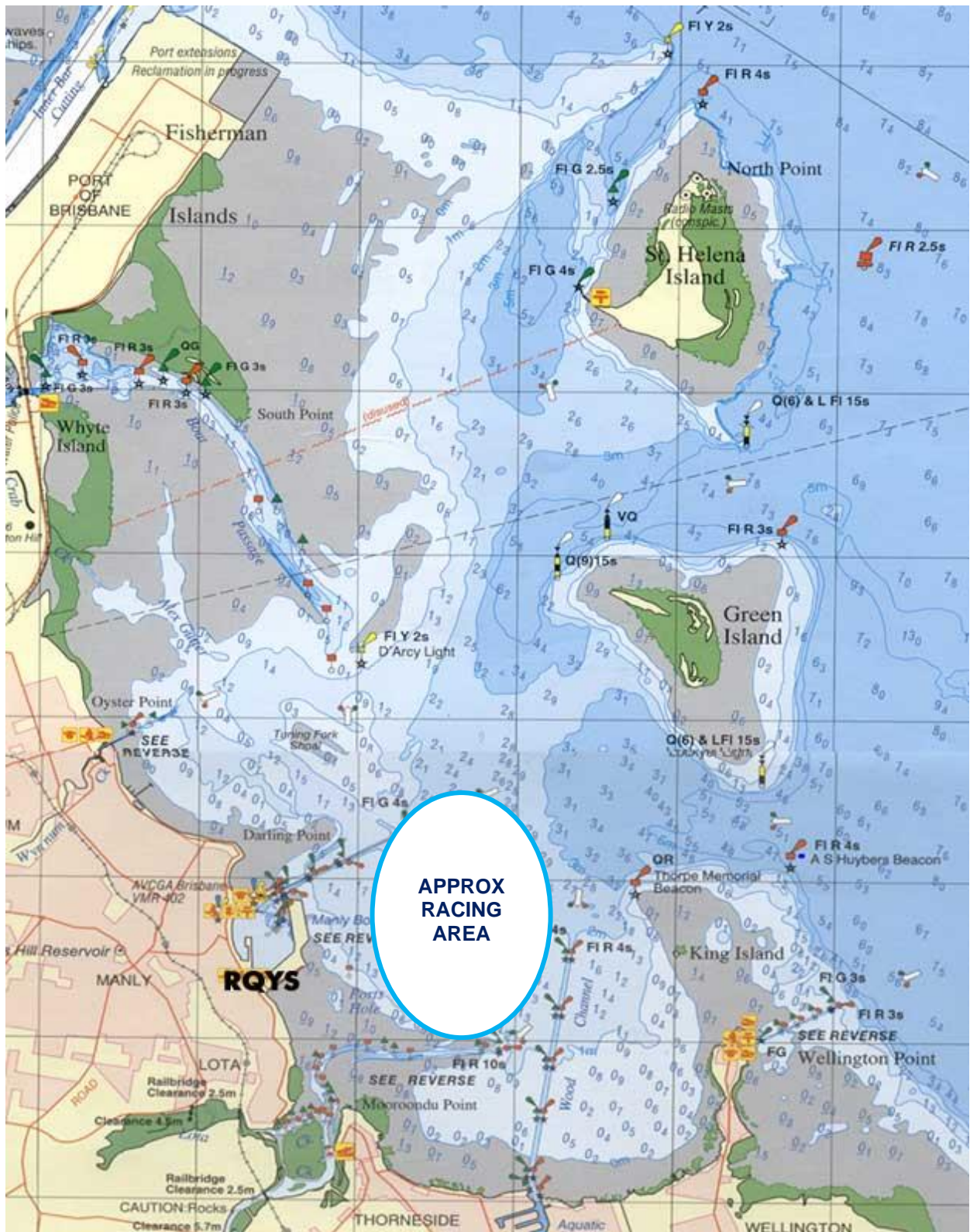
- 26.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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.**
- 26.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armour, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Clause 17 of the Notice of Race & 26.1 of the Sailing Instructions.
- 24.2. All competitors shall have acknowledged and agreed to the Flying Eleven Sailing Association of Australia Inc Conditions of Entry document (available via the "[Constitution and key documents](#)" page of the F11 website).

## **27. INSURANCE**

- 27.1. 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 - Location of the Racing Area

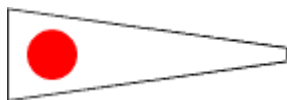


# SI ATTACHMENT B - Courses

## MARKS DESCRIPTION

**Mark 1, 2 & 3: Orange Inflatable**  
**Start Pin: RIB Displaying Orange Flag**  
**Finish Pin: RIB Displaying Blue Flag**  
**Change Mark: Green Inflatable**

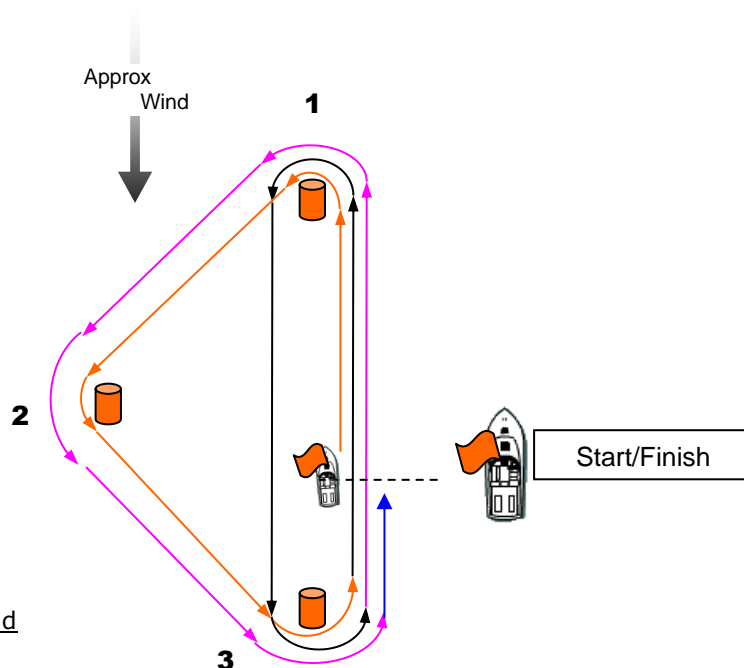
### F11 Open – Course 1



**Start 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish**

**Marks 1, 2 and 3 are to be left to port**

NB: There is no requirement to sail through the start/finish line when sailing between Mark 3 and Mark 1.



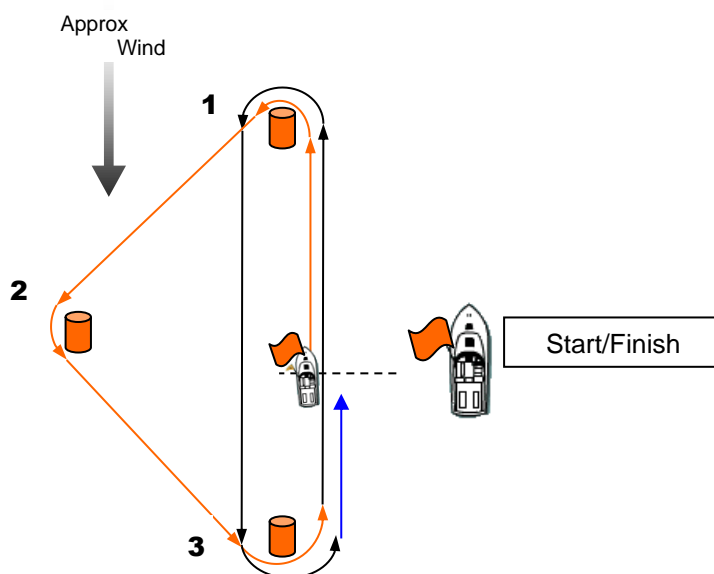
### F11 Open - Course 2



**Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish**

**Marks 1, 2 and 3 are to be left to port**

NB: There is no requirement to sail through the start/finish line when sailing between Mark 3 and Mark 1.



## **SI ATTACHMENT C – Appendix T Arbitration**

### **T1. POST-RACE PENALTIES**

- A. Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- B. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- C. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

### **T2. ARBITRATION MEETING**

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

### **T3. ARBITRATOR'S OPINION**

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- A. the protest is invalid,
- B. no boat will be penalised for breaking a rule, or
- C. one or more boats will be penalised for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

### **T4. ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES**

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

- A. a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
- B. a boat may ask to withdraw her protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.