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Submission for changes in Appendix E of the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005 - 2008

Submission: RSD 02

PROPOSAL

Add new rule E3.2 and all rules behind renumber accordingly:

E3.2 Umpired Races

If the notice of race and/or sailing instructions so state, races may be umpired in which case rule E3.1 does not apply. Rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a) do not apply to the rules for which penalties may be imposed by umpires. Rule 64.1(b) 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 rule of this appendix.

- (a) After the protest of a boat according to rule E5.2, except for rule 14 when damage resulted from contact, or an umpire's notification of contact between boats or breach of rules 31.1, 42 or 44, the umpire shall as soon as possible hail one of the following decisions:
 - (1) 'protest dismissed' - No penalty imposed, incident closed;
 - (2) 'protest refused' - The protestor did not comply with rule 61.1(a) as modified by rule E5.2, incident closed;
 - (3) 'penalty to (sail number)' - One or more boats are penalized;
If an umpire is unable to distinguish a boat's sail number, he may identify the boat by description, and then as soon as possible, by sail number.
 - (4) 'incident not observed' - The protestor may protest according to rule E3.2(e).
- (b) A penalized boat shall take a penalty as provided by rule 44.2 as modified by rule E4.4.
- (c) When a boat has gained an advantage by breaking a rule, has broken a rule deliberately or fails to take penalty when required, or has committed a breach of sportsmanship, an umpire may impose one or more additional penalties or report the incident as provided by rule E3.2(d).
- (d) When an incident involves reckless sailing or rule 14 when damage resulted from contact, the umpire may report the incident to a protest committee, which may further penalize the boat concerned. The umpire shall notify this intention to the competitor.
- (e) A competitor may protest according to rule 61.2 as modified by rule E5.3, but not for incidents judged by the umpires.
- (f) There shall be no request for redress or to reopen a hearing or appeals by a boat arising from decisions or actions by the umpires. This changes rules 62, 66 and 70.

CURRENT POSITION

There is no provision for the umpiring within Appendix E.

REASON

Umpiring in radio sailing was used several years in some countries. Since 2001 this system was successfully used on all RSD championships and system was constantly improved during the last years.