

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS E5

A submission from the Croatian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

Replace existing rule with complete set of rules for umpired races.

Proposal

~~E5 RACING WITH OBSERVERS AND UMPIRES~~

~~E5.1 Observers~~

- ~~(a) The race committee may appoint observers, who may be competitors.~~
- ~~(b) Observers shall hail the sail numbers of boats that make contact with a mark or another boat.~~
- ~~(c) At the end of a heat, observers shall report to the race committee all unresolved incidents, and any failure to sail the course.~~

~~E5.2 Rules for Observers and Umpires~~

~~Observers and umpires shall be located in the control area. They shall not use any aid or device that gives them visual advantage over competitors.~~

E5 UMPIRED RACES

E5.1 When Rule E5 Applies

Rule E5 applies to umpired races. Races to be umpired shall be identified in the notice of race or sailing instructions. Add to end of the first sentence of rule 63.1: "and E5.3".

E5.2 Protests by Boats

- (a) Except where damage resulted from contact, a protest by a boat under rules 31, 42, E4.3(b) or under a rule of Part 2 may be decided by an umpire.
- (b) (1) A boat may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a penalty provided in E4.3.
(2) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire may hail a decision as provided in rule E5.3(a).
- (c) A boat is entitled to a hearing only if:
 - (1) Rule 14 is broken with damage resulting from contact.
 - (2) No umpire decision is hailed.

E5.3 Hails by Umpires and Taking a Penalty

- (a) An umpire may hail a decision as follows:
 - (1) "No penalty to (boat(s) sail number)"
 - (2) "Penalty to (boat(s) sail number)." Brief reasons may be given quoting the other boat(s) involved. If an umpire is unable to identify a boat's sail number, the boat will be identified by other clear description and as soon as possible by sail number. Words to the same effect may be used in hails.

- (b) A boat penalised by an umpire shall promptly take a One-Turn Penalty as provided in rule 44.2.**

E5.4 Penalties Initiated by Umpires

- (a) (1) When there is no protest or penalty taken by a boat for contact with another boat or infringement of rules 31 or 42 an umpire may penalise a boat in accordance with E5.3(a)(2).**
- (2) If an umpire decides that a boat may have broken a rule other those listed in E5.2(a) and E5.4(b), the umpire shall so inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3 and notify this intention to the competitor.**
- (b) When a boat**
- (1) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,**
- (2) breaks rule 2,**
- (3) breaks a rule deliberately,**
- (4) fails to take a penalty when required by an umpire, or**
- (6) fails to take a penalty in accordance with rule E4.3,**
- an umpire may impose an additional penalty in accordance with E5.3(a)(2) or a disqualification by hailing "(boat sail number)" "disqualified", with brief reasons quoting the other boat(s) involved.**
- (c) A boat disqualified by an umpire shall promptly leave the course.**

E5.5 Limitations on Other Proceedings

- (a) There shall be no request for redress or to reopen a hearing or appeal from the decision made by an umpire under rule E5.3(a) or under rule E5.4. This changes rules 62, 66 and 70.**
- (b) No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.**

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. RC sailing races are held close to the shoreline and complete race area is clearly visible. This makes umpiring the best choice to get as many as possible decisions made on the water and save time of hearings in favour of more racing. Umpiring system shall be simple and effective as relative boat speeds are quite high and decisions needs to be made quickly. Proposed text is coming from more than 20 years of different umpiring systems tested on various RC events keeping the focus on simplicity and efficiency.
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