Racing Rules of Sailing

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RRS E7

A submission from the Croatian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

Unnecessary rule. RRS 64.2 is sufficient.

Proposal

E7 PENALTIES

When a protest committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule other than a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4, it shall either

- (a) disqualify her or add any number of points (including zero and fractions of points) to her score. The penalty shall be applied, if possible, to the heat or race in which the rule was broken; otherwise it shall be applied to the next heat or race for that boat. When points are added, the scores of other boats shall not be changed; or
- (b) require her to take one or more One-Turn Penalties that shall be taken as soon as possible after the starting signal of her next heat that is started and not subsequently recalled or abandoned.

However, if the boat has broken a rule in Appendix G or rule E8, the protest committee shall act in accordance with rule G4.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

E7 applies when the PC decides that a boat has broken a rule which is not a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4. So when does it apply? To breaches of any other *rule*.

Rule E7 states that the PC <u>shall</u> either (a) or (b). This does not permit any other possibility to the PC, for example, to apply discretionary penalty for minor breaches of the SI etc, since the opening rule 64.2 have by 'unless some other penalty applies' does not exist in E7.