

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 60.5(c)(4) – Urgent Change

A submission from the German Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To remove a conflict between rule 60.5(c)(4) and rule 60.5(d)(3)

Proposal 1:

(4) she broke a class rule and rule 60.5(d)(**1**) applies.

Current Position:

As above.

Proposal 2

If approved, Proposal 1 shall take effect as an urgent rule change on 1 January 2025.

Current Position 2

Any rule change will normally take effect on 1 January 2029.

Reasons

1. Rule 60.5(c)(4) states that a boat shall not be disqualified if rule rule 60.5(d) applies. This makes sense as far as rule 60.5(d)(1) is concerned. However, rule 60.5(c)(4) conflicts with rule 60.5(d)(3) if the penalty for the breach of a class rule is a disqualification.
 2. This conflict appears to be an unintended game changer for protests regarding breaches of class rules. When a boat has broken the same rule in earlier races of the event, it is appropriate to apply the penalty for all such races without any further protest.
 3. In addition, there is a conflict between rule 60.5(c)(4) and the second sentence of rule 60.5(d)(4) which explicitly states that the boat shall be disqualified.
 4. If Proposal 1 is approved, it is proposed that the Racing Rules Committee should approve this as an urgent rule change from 1 January 2025 by a 75% majority (and the Board will be requested to consent as well as per the Regulations).
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