

## INFORMATION TO COMPETITORS FROM THE RACE COMMITTEE

This document does not in any way modify or replace the rules of the competition.

### 1. Times

- a. Times will be based on GPS time.
- b. Where practical, the Race committee will make signals on the whole minute.

### 2. Starts

- a. Starts will not be delayed for competitors to reach the race area if they could have arrived with reasonable diligence.

### 3. UFD and BFD penalties

- a. After the boats have rounded the first mark, the race committee will display boats scored UFD or BFD on the signal boat.
- b. As per RRS 90.3(c), the race committee may, after reviewing their records, score boats UFD or BFD.
- c. Boats scored UFD or BFD may request to listen to or view the evidence as recorded by the race committee. The race committee will be available at the protest desk.

### 4. Decision to Race

- a. The race will be started at the scheduled time if the wind conditions and visibility are within the parameters outlined in these policies.
- b. Waiting for 'better' conditions may be unfair and will be avoided.
- c. Average wind speed will be determined over a five-minute period.
- d. When racing back to back, the interval between the finish line closure or last boat finishing and the new warning signal for that group will not be less than 5 minutes.

### 5. Abandonment

- a. On the first half of the first leg, the race management team may abandon in the event of a major, persistent, wind shift (more than 25 degrees). After that, the race management team will let the race continue.
- b. Collapse of wind: The race management team may abandon the race when it is unlikely that the leading boat will complete the course within the overall time limit, even if a new wind were to arrive. The further into the race, the less likely it is that the race management team will abandon the race.
- c. The race management team will consider abandoning the race if it is unable to safely manage racing, or a considerable number of competitors are not able to race anymore.
- d. Competitors are reminded that the decision to race, or to continue to race, is their sole responsibility.

### 6. Race Committee Protests

- a. Since sailing is essentially a self-policing sport, the race management team will not normally protest a boat.
- b. The race committee may protest a boat in the following circumstances:
  - i. Breach of a Sailing Instruction or Notice of Race item that may not be protested by another boat;
  - ii. An apparent breach of good sportsmanship (RRS 2);
  - iii. Failing to take a penalty after touching a mark (RRS 31);
  - iv. Failing to sail the course (RRS 28)
- c. The race committee will strictly apply Standard Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race items marked [SP].