



The Racing Rules of Sailing Significant Changes for 2017 to 2020 What Race Officials Need to Know



Race Officials

The term “Race Official” includes the race committee, technical committee, protest committee and all others involved in the conduct and judging of races. RRS 84 refers.



Other Part 1 and Part 2 Rules

Fair Sailing (RRS 2)

The penalty for a breach of RRS 2 is changed to be either DSQ or DNE.

Part 2 Preamble

Amended to permit penalisation of a boat not *racing* (as defined) that breaks RRS 14 when the incident results in injury or serious damage.
See also RRS 36, Races Restarted or Resailed.



Administration: Terminology

Term	Meaning
Boat	A sailboat and the crew on board.
Competitor	A person who races or intends to race in the event.
National authority	A World Sailing member national authority.
Race committee	The race committee appointed under rule 89.2(c) and any other person or committee performing a race committee function.
Racing rule	A rule in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
Technical committee	The technical committee appointed under rule 89.2(c) and any other person or committee performing a technical committee function.
Vessel	Any boat or ship.



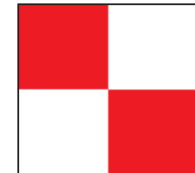
Race Organisation

Changes to the RRS may, in most cases, be in either the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (RRS 86.1)

A few exceptions, such as denying appeals (RRS 70.5), require both

Race Management

U flag as a preparatory signal added as an option (RRS 30.3)



Flag Y displayed ashore to indicate RRS 40 applies at all times when afloat





Technical Committee

Definition: Technical Committee

The technical committee appointed under RRS 89.2(c) and any other person or committee performing a technical committee function.

A technical committee (RRS 92)

May be appointed by organising authority or race committee

Shall conduct equipment inspection and event measurement

Also it may protest a boat (RRS 60.4) for a breach of class rules and take other actions (similar to a race committee)



Protest Committees

Conflict of Interest

New definition

New RRS 63.4 to determine when a person with a conflict of interest may be a protest committee member

New RRS M2.3 on assessing significance of any conflict of interest

Discretionary Penalties (RRS Introduction)

The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

A second sentence refers to Guidelines on the World Sailing website. For most events in the UK, the RYA recommends the Guidance on Discretionary Penalties included in the RYA Racing Rules Guidance.



RYA Rules Disputes

Exoneration Penalty

Available to a boat that did not take the relevant turns penalty at the time of the incident

May be taken after a race and before the start of any related protest hearing

Penalty is a 30% scoring penalty

minimum 3 places, may not make the score worse than DNF

Once accepted, the penalty cannot be withdrawn

Arbitration

Can only take place when a valid protest has been submitted

Should take no more than 10 to 15 minutes

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Misconduct And Support Persons

Headline changes

New definition Support Person

Revised RRS 3, Acceptance of the Rules

RRS 69 is now Misconduct, not Gross Misconduct

RRS 69 is rewritten from start to finish

RYA Prescription to RRS 3

3 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 3.6: 'Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their *support persons* comply with the *rules*.



Racing Rules Guidance

2017-2020



Includes RYA rules
disputes procedures



The RYA Racing Rules Guidance book
including details of

Changes to the Racing Rules
from January 2017

is available in PDF or eBook format at

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