

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 28.1, 63.1, A5.1, A5.2 and A10, or A6.1

A submission from Japan Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To restore the scoring positions of boats with worse finishing places than a boat scored NSC in Low Point System which has been changed unintendedly by the new RRS in 2021.

Only one of Proposals 1 and 2 is to be approved.

Proposal 3 is to be approved only if one of Proposals 1 and 2 is approved.

Proposal 1

Change Rule A6.1 as follows:

A6.1 If a boat **did not sail the course and is scored accordingly, or** is disqualified from a race, or retires after finishing, each boat with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.

Current Position

As above.

Proposal 2

Change Rules 28.1, 63.1, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 as follows:

28.1 A boat shall start, sail the course and finish. While doing so, she may leave on either side a mark that does not begin, bound or end the leg she is sailing. After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely. **If a boat breaks this rule for not sailing the course and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is resailed.**

63.1 Requirements for a Hearing

A boat or competitor shall not be penalized without a protest hearing, except as provided in rules **28.1, 30.2, 30.3, ...** [no further changes]

A5.1 A boat that did not ~~start, sail the course~~ or finish, or comply with rule **28.1, 30.2, 30.3, ...** [no further changes]

A5.2 A boat that did not *start*, ~~did not sail the course~~, did not *finish*, retired or ... [no further changes]

A10 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

[no changes above]

NSC ~~Did not sail the course~~ **Disqualification under rule 28.1.**

[no further changes]

Current Position

As above.

Proposal 3

If either Proposal 1 or 2 is approved, it shall take effect on 1 January 2023.

Current Position

Any rule change will normally take effect on 1 January 2025.

Reasons

1. In the previous RRS, if a boat started, did not sail the course described in the sailing instruction, and finished and thereafter is disqualified for breaking Rule 28.1, each boat with a worse finishing place is moved up one place according to Rule A6.1.

In 2021, Rules A5.1, A5.2 and A10 (Rules A4.2, A5 and A10 in the previous RRS) has been changed so that the abovementioned boat shall be scored NSC by the race committee without hearing. As she is not disqualified in the present RRS any longer, each boat with a worse finishing place is NOT moved up one place under Rule A6.1 or any other rule, unless she retires after finishing.

This is a change to the game. A significant fraction of boats that sailed the race may be affected, though by a single point in most cases.

2. Such a change has not been made by the new RRS for the other cases where a boat is scored the same points as NSC under rule A5.2 (rule A5 in the previous RRS), namely DNC, DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DNF, RET, DSQ and DNE. Only a race with an NCS boat is now scored differently from the others, namely OCS, UFD, etc. Japan Sailing Federation believes this change to the game was not intended.
 3. It is inappropriate to expect organizing authorities and/or race committees to continually use notice of race or sailing instructions to reverse this issue until 2025. If either Proposal 1 or Proposal 2 is approved, it is proposed that it should be approved as an urgent rule change from 1 January 2023.
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