

Appendix LG

A submission from Yachting New Zealand

Purpose or Objective

To give an alternative to Did not Finish or Time Limit Expired for a fairer outcome for all boats in a race.

Proposal

Add the following alternative to section 16 Time Limits and Target times.

OR

16.3

The race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied.

Current Position

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The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place [one][two] more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

Reasons

A finish window is an arbitrary time chosen for convenience of the first boats that finish so they do not have to wait an long time for the next race or to prevent the race committee having to remain on station for a long time to finish the remainder of the fleet.

When there is no TLE requirement all the boats that do not meet the expiry of the finish window score points the same as Did Not Compete. That is no reward at all for making the effort to race.

A TLE score attempts to reward the boats that race but do not meet the finish window. It treats them as the same regardless of where they are relative to one another when the time limit expires. They all receive one or two points more than the boats that finished. Some may be rewarded much more than their performance warranted.

The Whisky Flag system rewards boats according to their position on the racecourse and therefore more fairly represents their performance in the race.

It is noted

- (i) No finish window is required. it is usual to finish boats at marks of the course.
 - (ii) the system is designed for one design type round the buoys style racing. The purpose of the submission is to give race committees a viable option when it is appropriate.
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