

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule 90.3(c)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

There is no procedure in the racing rules for a race committee to follow when it makes a scoring error. The proposed addition to rule 90.3 corrects that deficiency.

Proposal

90.3 Scoring

- (c) **When the race committee determines that it has scored a boat incorrectly, it shall correct the error and make the corrected scores available to competitors.**

Current Position

The proposed rule is new.

Reasons

The race committee is required by rule 90.3(a) to score all races, and obviously it must do so as accurately as possible. Occasional errors are bound to occur, particularly in large events, and when they do the race committee must correct them. However, the appropriate process for making corrections has never been addressed directly in a racing rule. The proposed new part of rule 90.3 removes this deficiency.

It has been suggested that the proposed rule would be more appropriately located in rule A5. The reason given for locating it there is that some officials interpret a correction in the scores which assigns more points to a boat as prohibited by the sentence in rule A5 which states, "Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score." However, a scoring correction does not worsen a boat's score; it merely states her score accurately. Furthermore, sailing instructions may, and frequently do, replace the scoring systems in Appendix A with a different system. The proposed rule should apply to all events, regardless of the scoring system in use. Rule 90 contains scoring rules that apply regardless of whether the scoring system in use is an Appendix A system or some other system. Rule 90 is in Part 7, and rules in Part 7 can not be changed by the sailing instructions. For these reasons it is appropriate to locate the proposed rule in rule 90

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