

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules A4.2 A5 and A11

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To provide correct scoring abbreviations for boats that (1) take a penalty by retiring during a race, or (2) are penalized when the sailing instructions provide for a penalty other than disqualification

Proposal

A4.2 A boat that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. A boat that is penalized under rule 30.2 or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

A5 SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

A boat that did not *start*, comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, or *finish*, or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) or retires shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing. Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

A11 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

These scoring abbreviations shall be used for recording the circumstances described:

- DNC Did not start; did not come to the starting area
 - DNS Did not start (other than DNC and OCS)
 - OCS Did not start; on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and failed to start, or broke rule 30.1
 - ZFP 20% penalty under rule 44.3(a)
 - BFD Disqualification under rule 30.2
 - SCP Took a Scoring Penalty under rule 44.3(a)
 - DNF Did not finish
 - RET Retired**
 - ~~RAF Retired after finishing~~
 - DSQ Disqualification
 - DPI Discretionary penalty imposed under the sailing instructions and rule 64.1**
 - DNE Disqualification (other than DGM) not excludable under rule 90.3(b)
 - DGM Disqualification for gross misconduct not excludable under rule 90.3(b)
 - RDG Redress given
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Current Position

As above.

Reasons

At present, there is no scoring abbreviation for a boat that takes a penalty by retiring during a race (rule 44.1(b)) or retires as required by Appendix P2.2 or P2.3. In these circumstances, the race committee either scores the boat RAF or DNF. RAF is incorrect, since the boat retired before finishing. DNF does not adequately describe the situation.

RET is the appropriate abbreviation to use for a boat that retires in these circumstances. There is no reason to maintain RAF, since RET covers any retirement, whether before or after finishing.

Rule 64.1 permits the sailing instructions to specify a penalty other than disqualification in some circumstances. There is no scoring abbreviation in A11 to describe such a penalty. DPI has gained near-universal acceptance. It is recommended, therefore, that this abbreviation be added to A11.
