

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule A11 and Appendix L16.6

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Purpose or Objective

To properly relocate a scoring abbreviation in the rule with all other such abbreviations.

Proposal

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 30.2

BFD Disqualification under rule 30.3

SCP Took a Scoring Penalty under rule 44.3(a)

DNF Did not finish

RAF Retired after finishing

DPI Discretionary penalty imposed

DSQ Disqualification

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

Appendix L

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.6 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the [protest committee] [jury] so decides. ~~The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.~~

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Discretionary penalties are increasingly used in events so that protest committees can, when appropriate, impose a lesser penalty than disqualification for breaches of rules that do not affect the outcome of the race. The proposed change properly locates a scoring abbreviation in the list of other such abbreviations and also will shorten many events' sailing instructions.
