

# International Radio Sailing Association Addendum Q

## UMPIRED FLEET RACING FOR RADIO SAILING

(effective 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016)

*Principles of umpiring in ISAF Addendum Q have been used for this IRSA version of umpiring for radio sailing events. Changes make them suitable for radio sailing in heats of up to 20 radio boats with umpires working alongside observers.*

*Observers act in their normal role in accordance with RRS E5.1 and, in doing so, work side by side with umpires as assistants for their role of decision-making. It is recommended that there should be one observer for every four boats in the heats. The number of umpires shall be flexible. Please read with IRSA Addendum Q Advice notes.*

This addendum changes RRS 20.1, 44.1(b), 61, 62, 63.1, 64.1(a), 66, 70, E4.3(b), E5.1 and E6.3

### Q.1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS)

Q1.1 Changes to RRS involving protests, exoneration, observers and umpires:

- (a) RRS E4.3(b), which modifies RRS 44.1, is changed to:  
if the boat, despite taking a penalty, has gained a significant advantage in the heat; she may promptly take additional turns, or an umpire may hail additional turns, sufficient to nullify the advantage
- (b) Add to end of the first sentence of RRS 63.1: "and Addendum Q4";
- (c) Add to RRS E6.3:  
The second hail is not required after an umpire decision, acknowledgement of infringement or a protest hail from the other boat;
- (d) RRS 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires in accordance with Q4.1(a) without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting RRS in this Addendum;
- (e) In RRS E5.1(b), change "Observers" to "Observers and umpires";
- (f) In RRS E5.1(c), change "observers" to "observers and umpires".
- (g) After the first sentence of RRS 20.1 add 'The competitor controlling the boat shall hail '(her own sail number) room to tack.'

### Q.2 PROTESTS BY BOATS

Q2.1 Except where damage resulted from contact, a protest by a boat under RRS 31 or 42 or under a rule of Part 2 may be decided by an umpire.

Q2.2 A boat is entitled to a hearing only if:

- (a) RRS 14 is broken with damage resulting from contact;
- (b) no umpire hails a decision.

### Q.3 HAILS BY OBSERVERS

Q3.1 When an observer hails under RRS E5.1 and no boat either hails a protest or takes a penalty, an umpire shall, after consultation with the observer, hail a decision under Q5.2 which may be based on information provided by the observer.

#### **Q.4 HAILS BY UMPIRES**

Q4.1 An umpire, after giving boats time to respond, may hail a decision as follows:

- (a) "No penalty";
- (b) "Penalty to (boat(s) sail number(s))." Brief reasons may be given quoting the other boat(s) involved. If an umpire is unable to identify a boat's sail number, the boat will be identified by a clear description and, as soon as possible, by sail number;
- (c) "No decision". When a umpire hails "No decision" or when no umpire hails a decision, the protesting boat is entitled to a hearing under Q2.2(b);

When multiple incidents are being considered simultaneously, the umpire shall clearly indicate which incident he is referring to.

#### **Q.5 TAKING A PENALTY**

Q5.1 When a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, or RRS 31 or 42, she may hail acknowledgement and then promptly take a One Turn Penalty under RRS E4.3.

Q5.2 Following a protest by a boat under Q2.1, or a hail by an observer or umpire under E5.1(b), as changed by Q1.1(e), if no boat takes a penalty, an umpire may hail a decision in accordance with Add. Q4.1.

Q5.3 A boat penalised by an umpire hail in accordance with Q4.1(b) shall promptly take a TwoTurn Penalty

#### **Q.6 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES**

Q6.1

- (a) When there is no protest or penalty taken by a boat for an infringement of RRS 42, an umpire may penalise a boat in accordance with Q4.1(b);
- (b) If an umpire decides that a boat may have broken a rule other those listed in Q2.1, or may be entitled to redress, the umpire shall so inform the protest committee who may protest or request redress under RRS 60.3. The umpire shall notify this intention to the competitor and to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, but not before the end of a heat in which the umpire is officiating.

Q6.2 When a boat

- (a) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty;
- (b) breaks RRS 2, including breaking a rule deliberately;
- (c) fails to take a penalty when required by an umpire;
- (d) fails to take a penalty in accordance with RRS E4.3,

An umpire may impose an additional penalty in accordance with Q4.1(b) or a disqualification by hailing "(boat sail number) disqualified", with brief reasons quoting the other boat(s) involved.

Q6.3 A boat disqualified by an umpire shall promptly leave the course.

#### **Q.7 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, APPEALS, OTHER PROCEEDINGS**

Q7.1 There shall be no request for redress or to reopen a hearing or appeal from the decision hailed by an umpire under Q4.1 or a penalty initiated by an umpire under Q5. This changes RRS 62, 66 and 70.

Q7.2 A decision, action or non-action of an umpire or an observer shall not be grounds for redress or subject to an appeal under RRS 70.