

2018 MORGAN CUP, HINMAN MASTERS, GRAND MASTERS

Q&A #2 – TAKING PENALTIES

Question 1

When a boat plans to take a penalty, either voluntary or imposed, when has she sailed well clear of other boats to begin her penalty turn?

Answer 1

The expression “after getting well clear of other boats” in rule 44.2, refers to when a boat is clear enough to complete her penalty in a space that she can reasonably expect will remain clear of other boats which are, or are about to be, sailing tactically appropriate courses (such as approaching the line to start or rounding a mark).

Question 2

When a boat has sailed well clear and turned to begin her penalty, can she interrupt her penalty turn to keep clear of a boat that sails into the space where she is taking her penalty?

Answer 2

Yes, and if she promptly resumes turning in the same direction to complete her penalty, she complies with rule 44.2