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**Newport, Rhode Island**

## **NOTICE OF RACE ADDENDUM A – US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS**

The US Sailing prescriptions to the *Racing Rules of Sailing* in this Addendum shall apply.

**Rule 60.3**

After rule 60.3 add

*US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:*

*(b) request to redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;*

**Rule 61.4**

Add rule 61.4

*61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress*

*US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.*

**Rule 67**

After rule 67 add

*US Sailing prescribes that:*

*(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*

*(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*

*(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

**Rule 70.5**

After rule 70.5(a) add

*US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required.*

**Rule 76.1**

After rule 76.1 add

*US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*

**Rule 86.3**

After rule 86.3 add

*US Sailing prescribes that:*

- (a) In exception to rule 86.1, an organizing authority may request, and US Sailing may authorize, proposed changes to the racing rules for a specific event. The authorization shall be stated in a letter of approval to the organizing authority, and the letter shall be posted on the official notice board.*
- (b) The proposed rules shall be stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions, and the organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the test to US Sailing.*

**Rule 88.2**

After rule 88.2 add

*US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, rule 61.4, Appendix R, and the prescription to rules 60.3, 67 or 70.5(a), and 76.1.*