



Q&A Responses from the Jury and Umpires

Question #1

Q: With Sailing Instruction SI 1.10, please can you clarify what is deemed a 'necessary task' and whether aiding propulsion/kinetics with your torso briefly over the top life line is allowable.

A: A necessary task might include a momentary sail handling or boat handling maneuver. Aiding propulsion/kinetics is an elective maneuver and not a necessary task; it is not permitted with the torso outside the lifelines. (See Case 83)

Question #2

Q: For Rules 31 and 42 , penalty initiated from [imposed by the] umpires with [a] protest from other boats, [is] it 1 turn or 2 turns?

A: If a boat protests and the protested boat takes a voluntary penalty, it is a one turn penalty

If the protested boat does not take a voluntary penalty for breaking rule 31 or 42 and the umpires decide the boat broke a rule, the umpires shall signal a two-turns penalty.

If the umpires initiate a penalty for rule 31 or rule 42, the penalty will be the number one-turn penalties signaled by the umpires

Question #3

Q: Is it permissible for teams to attach their own cameras and video equipment to the boats during racing?

A: The boat's own cameras and video equipment are not prohibited. However, any use of own cameras or video equipment shall not interfere with any OA provided cameras and equipment. No image obtained thereby shall be used commercially.

Question #4

Q: What actions of the crew can initiate the process of setting the spinnaker?

A: SI C4 does not have any special requirements for the process of setting the spinnaker.

Q: To pause a hoist must you have had applied tension to the halyard?

A: Once the spinnaker hoist has begun, a boat may pause the hoist while the bow sprit is extended.

Question #5

Q: Two boats approach the keep away buoy [Limit Mark] on opposite tacks. Starboard crosses port and tacks to windward of the port boat inside of the zone for the keep away buoy [Limit Mark]. Is the windward boat entitled to room?

A: Yes. See RRS 18.2(a)

Q: What limitations exist on the leeward boat?

A: See RRS 18.2(a) and (f)

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