

Q&A 01/2019

Mark-room when rounding islands, beacons, etc.

Question 1

When a mark is an island or located on an island, are the underwater parts of this island, considered as parts of this mark?

Answer 1

No, the underwater parts are not considered as parts of this mark.

Question 2

If the answer to question 1 is “No”, and these underwater parts do not allow for safe pilotage to round or pass close to the mark, which rule applies?

Answer 2

If these parts do not allow for safe pilotage to round or pass close to the mark, they are considered as obstructions and rule 19 applies.

Question 3

If the umpires are in doubt regarding safe pilotage in the area of an incident, how will they proceed?

Answer 3

In such a situation the umpires may display the J-flag.

Q&A 02/2019

Situation:

Boat A on port and Boat B on starboard are approaching each other on a collision course on a beat to windward. Boat B clearly signals Boat A across.

Boat A crosses and Boat B bears away to avoid contact and protests.

Question 1:

What constitutes a 'clear signal'?

Answer 1:

Any hand signal from the starboard boat will be interpreted as a 'clear signal' to cross.

Question 2:

What rules apply in the situation above?

Answer 2:

Boat A is required by rule 10 to keep clear of Boat B. By waving Boat A across and bearing away, Boat B is sailing "her course" as the term used in the definition "*Keep Clear*". Boat A kept clear and no rule of Part 2 is broken.

Boat B committed a breach of sportsmanship by protesting Boat A for a breach of rule 10 after waving her across.

Question 3:

What actions would the umpires take?

Answer 3:

If the umpires are certain that Boat B made a clear hand signal and called Boat A across, they would penalize Boat B for a breach of sportsmanship under instruction Q4.1(e).

If the umpires are not certain that Boat B made a clear hand signal and called Boat A across, they will penalize Boat A for rule 10.

Question 4:

Would the answer be the same if there was a contact?

Answer 4:

Yes. However, in case of contact rule 14 have been broken. If Boat A wants to protest Boat B for a breach of rule 14, she has to do so in accordance with instruction Q2.4.

Also, rule Q4.4 applies.

Q&A 03/2019

Situation:

While racing a boat cuts away her spinnaker with no effort to recover it. A support boat then recovers it.

Question 1:

Is the spinnaker 'Trash' and therefore the boat breaks RRS 55 TRASH DISPOSAL?

Answer 1:

No. 'Trash' is something that you dispose of because it has no value to you. The intention is to recover and reuse the sail.

Question 2:

When the support boat recovers the spinnaker does that qualify as outside support and therefore the boat breaks RRS 41 OUTSIDE HELP?

Answer 2:

No. RRS 41 OUTSIDE HELP only applies to assistance given to a boat while racing and as long as there is no attempt to return the sail to the boat during the race it is not outside assistance.

Question 3:

Does it break any other rules that govern the series?

Answer 3:

Yes: If the boat doesn't make a reasonable effort to recover the sail before cutting it adrift she breaks "52 Super Series 2019 NoR & SI" 25.3.

Q&A 04/2019

Exoneration for infringements made in the area Windward mark – Offset mark

Question 1:

Can a boat take a penalty on the offset leg?

Answer 1:

Yes.

Question 2:

Until what point can the boat delay taking the penalty on the offset leg?

Answer 2:

When a boat breaks a rule from the moment she reaches the *zone* of the windward mark until she leaves the *zone* of the offset mark, for safety reasons, she can delay exonerating herself, according to rule 44.2, until getting well clear of the offset mark. She shall take her penalty before hoisting the spinnaker by sailing past the offset mark.
This changes rule 44.2.

Q&A 05/2019

Taking a penalty before umpires' signal

Question:

After touching a mark, can a boat take a penalty immediately or shall she wait for the umpires' decision?

Answer:

Addendum Q provides a series of rules to umpire on the water, this does not change the Basic Principle, Rule 2 or rule 44; therefore she should take the penalty immediately.

Q&A 06/2019

Remove protest flag after a “J Flag” from umpires

Question:

After the umpires answer to a protest by displaying a J flag, when does the boat need to remove her protest flag?

Answer:

A boat shall remove her protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the umpires display of the J flag.