



Addendum to Club and Open Meeting Sailing Instructions

RYA Rules Disputes Procedure

X. Post-Race Penalty

X.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the protest time limit or, if a hearing has been scheduled, before the start of that hearing, notify the race committee that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty - a 30% scoring penalty (SCP), based on the number of boats that came to the starting area in that race, except that the minimum penalty is three places and the boat shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by its breach, its penalty shall be to retire.

X.2 When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted:

- (a) neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) the boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

Y. Advisory Meeting

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory meeting and notify any boat involved in the incident.

An adviser will then call a meeting to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat.

A boat may as a result notify the race office that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.

Z. RYA Arbitration

Z.1 After a protest is lodged, a boat may request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

Z.2 If the parties and the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be a member of the protest committee) will call an arbitration.

When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration has broken a rule for which the Post-Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if all such penalties are accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

Z.3 When any of the following conditions apply, January 2022 7

- 1. a party to the protest does not agree to RYA Arbitration,
- 2. the arbitrator's opinion is that the Post-Race Penalty is not applicable to the incident
- 3. a boat may be entitled to redress
- 4. a boat does not accept an offered Post-Race penalty,
- 5. the protest is not withdrawn,

there will be a protest committee hearing.

The arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee.

Any boat is entitled to accept a Post-Race Penalty at any time before the later of the protest time limit or the start of the protest committee hearing and receive protection from further penalisation. The boat may also retire.

Z.4 Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an RYA Arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure.