



# Team Racing Championship Finals

## 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Notice to Competitors

## No 1

#### **CHANGE TO RULES D2.2(c) and (d) - NOTICE FROM THE CHIEF UMPIRE**

At the BUSA Finals, rules D2.2(c) and (d) (umpire penalty after a protest) are changed to be similar to the rule used for umpired fleet racing, see amendment to Sis #1. This notice has some supporting explanation.

#### **THE CHANGE**

After a protest, the umpires will penalise **any** boat that broke a rule in the incident, is not exonerated, and does not take a penalty.

*(Note there is no change to penalties - voluntary is still a One-Turn Penalty and umpire-signalled is still a Two-Turn Penalty.)*

#### **WHEN THIS CHANGE IS SIGNIFICANT**

Most protests and umpire decisions are unaffected by this change.

However, if there's an incident between boats A and X, the umpires decide **A broke a rule, there's a protest** and **X takes a One-Turn Penalty**, the umpires will now penalise A with a Two-Turn Penalty.

*(Whereas under standard rule D2.2(c), if X takes a penalty, the incident is "closed" and the umpires make no signal even if A broke a rule.)*

#### **WHY THE CHANGE?**

This change is under consideration by World Sailing's Team Racing Rules WP for all team racing. It simplifies the rule (as D2.2(d) is deleted), it makes fleet and team racing consistent, and it may have other advantages in particular with junior sailors.

It has recently been successfully trialled at three events in the US, and it is appropriate to evaluate the change at a major UK event as well.

Three members of the WP (Jon Napier, Marta Llinares and Chris Atkins) will be at BUSA. All questions and feedback (positive and negative) will be welcomed.

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