

# **Questions and Answers - Cape to Rio Race 2023**

## **Question 1**

There are 4 published sunrise and sunset times – Astronomical, Nautical, Civil and Official. Can the RC please define which times will be used for sunset and sunrise for the purposes of switching from RRS and IRPCAS?

## **Answer 1**

In an addition to SI 1, the times of sunset and sunrise for the purpose of this rule will be stipulated for each time zone on the course.

## **Question 2**

Can the RC please confirm the deadline for final rating certificates is per SI 5.1, 16th Dec?

## **Answer 2**

Yes, there was a conflict between the deadline in NoR 2.7(c) and the deadline in SI 5.1. The international jury, acting in terms of RRS 63.7, resolved this conflict in favour of the later deadline, so SI 5.1 applied.

## **Question 3**

Question 3(a): Is the tracker a method of reporting a race position?

- If YES, then in the case of failure of the race tracker, will the RC alert the boat to use alternative means since this failure may not be immediately obvious to the boat?
- If NO, what are the reporting protocols?

Question 3(b): SI 8.2 states that any failed reports **will** incur a penalty. Are there any circumstances (internet or other satcom failure, on-board power failure, email server transmission delay, lack of nearby vessels for VHF pos report relay etc) that would mitigate this penalty if the boat made all reasonable efforts to transmit a position report?

Question 3(c): Will the RC make immediately available all position reports to all boats? If so, by what means?

## **Answer 3**

Answer 3(a): No, the tracker is not a substitute for daily position reporting. The reporting protocol is set out in Addendum H to the SI.

Answer 3(b): Yes. While it is the intention of the race committee to apply the penalty for failing to report as set out in SI 8.2, the race committee may refer specific cases to the jury for possible mitigation if circumstances make it practically impossible for a boat to comply.

Answer 3(c): No, not immediately, but it is the intention of the race committee that the reported positions of all boats will be posted on the ONB as soon as reasonably possible after the end of the reporting deadline, and also to send the positions to all boats via email.

#### **Question 4**

For a boat protesting another boat while racing:

- SI 14.2.1 states that a boat that protests another boat while racing **shall** notify the RC **promptly**
- SI 14.3 states a protest time limit of 12 hours after the incident

Question 4(a): Can the RC please clarify if any time within 12 hours is considered **promptly**?

Question 4(b): Can the RC or Jury please indicate if a failure to notify within 12 hours or **promptly** due to unforeseen circumstances (comms failure etc) would result in a protest being deemed invalid?

#### **Answer 4**

SI 14.2.1 deals with notifying the race committee of the boat's **intention to protest**, whereas SI 14.3 sets out the time limits for **lodging the actual protest**.

Answer 4(a): The word “promptly” is used in the SI in the same sense as in the RRS, ie “with little or no delay”. Notifying the race committee “any time within 12 hours” would certainly not be considered promptly.

Answer 4(b): Failure to notify the race committee promptly after informing the other boat of the intention to protest would be a breach of SI 14.2.1, but would not render the protest invalid. Failure to lodge a protest within the protest time limit, on the other hand, would make the protest invalid. However, RRS 61.3 stipulates “The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.”

#### **Question 5**

Taking a two turn penalty “promptly” (as required by RRS 44.2) may not be possible if it is to be completed safely and in a seamanlike manner due to weather and sea state, and could be dangerous for both vessel and crew.

Would the RC consider either:

1. an Amendment that permits the alternative of a scoring penalty to be taken of 10 minutes of Elapsed Time for each breach of RRS pt 2 or IRPCAS?
2. or a delay in taking a 2 turn penalty until such time as conditions allow the penalty to be taken in a safe and seamanlike manner?

#### **Answer 5**

Yes, the following will be added to SI 14.5.1(a):

*“A boat that intends to take a turns penalty may delay doing so if conditions or visibility would make it unsafe to do so promptly. If so, in addition to SI 14.5.1(b), she shall notify the race committee of her delay as soon as possible. This changes RRS 44.2.”*

**Question 6**

Would the RC consider an amendment (to the SI) to make It mandatory to transmit AIS data from within 24 hours of the start of the race until finishing?

**Answer 6**

Yes, the SI will be amended to make this mandatory throughout the race.