

MULTI-PENALTY SYSTEMI. CLASSES OF PENALTIES

- A. A total penalty - disqualification shall be assessed for
- 1) infringement of the Fair Sailing Rule 49, or
  - 2) failure to sail the course correctly except touching a mark.
- B. A major penalty - the number of places equal to  $2/3$  of the yachts beaten to the nearest whole number shall be assessed for infringement of
- 1) the Opposite Tack Rule 36, or
  - 2) all rules of Part IV before the infringing yacht "starts."
- C. A minor penalty - the number of places equal to  $1/3$  of the yachts beaten to the nearest whole number shall be assessed for infringements other than those covered in A and B.

II. PROCEDURES

A yacht which infringes a rule should continue in the race, display Code Flag I, white flag or handkerchief promptly, keep it flying until the yacht has finished and report the infringement to the Race Committee. Upon receipt of acknowledgment of an infringement, the Race Committee shall satisfy itself of the facts in order to assess the penalty. This will involve, as a minimum, a verbal report from the yacht which acknowledged her infringement. It will generally also involve contacting the other yacht and possibly, if the situation is not clear, a hearing by the Race Committee which said Committee is entitled to call following the acknowledgment to it of an infringement just as though a protest had been filed.

An infringing yacht is, of course, subject to protest under regular protest procedure and a yacht fouled is entirely justified in displaying a Protest Flag promptly and filing a protest even when the other yacht puts up Code Flag I, although such protest should be unnecessary when the infringing yacht follows the procedure outlined in the foregoing paragraph.

III. SCORING OF PENALTIES

Penalties are applied to the finishing position of the yacht penalized without affecting the score of other yachts. Example: When a yacht finishing fourth in a twenty boat fleet receives a major penalty, her score becomes 15, i.e.,  $4 + 2/3$  of 16 to the nearest whole number. No yacht will receive the score for fourth place and two yachts will receive the score for fifteenth place.

Where in one race coincidentally a yacht infringes more than one rule resulting in possible assessment of 2 classes of penalties, the more severe penalty shall be assessed.

Where in one race a yacht not coincidentally infringes more than one rule, the penalties assessed shall be cumulative, but no score shall be worse than disqualification, i.e., one place worse than last place.

No. of yachts beaten	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Major penalty	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6	7	7	8	9	9	10
Minor penalty	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5