

Final

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IN PORT RACE AND PRO AM RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. THE RULES

- (a) The race will be governed by the rules as defined in NOR 3.1.

- (b) For In Port and Pro Am racing, the sailing instructions of Addendum Q take precedence over any conflicting instructions

2. COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee may broadcast race information on a VHF channel before and during each race. VHF channels used will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect. Information given or received by the Race Committee by VHF shall not constitute Outside Help under RRS 41. Failure of such communication to be given or received, delay in notification or the sequence of such notification shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
<http://NoticeBoard.VolvoOceanRace.org>

4. INTERNATIONAL JURY

Refer NOR 3.5

5. SCHEDULE OF IN PORT RACES

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| Saturday | 4 th October 2008 | Alicante |
| Saturday | 10th January 2009 | Singapore |
| Saturday | 7th February 2009 | Qingdao |
| Saturday | 4 ^{th**} April 2009 | Rio de Janeiro |
| Saturday | 9th May 2009 | Boston |
| Monday | 30th May 2009 | Galway |
| Saturday | 21st June 2009 | Stockholm |
- ** May be rescheduled to the 5th April.

(b) SCHEDULE OF PRO AM RACES

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| Sunday | 5 th October 2008 | Alicante |
| Sunday | 11th January 2009 | Singapore |
| Sunday | 7th February 2009 | Qingdao |
| Sunday | 5 ^{th**} April 2009 | Rio de Janeiro |
| Sunday | 9th May 2009 | Boston |
| Sunday | 30th May 2009 | Galway |
| Sunday | 21st June 2009 | Stockholm |
- ** May be rescheduled to the 4th April

- (c) The scheduled time of the first Warning Signal for In Port Races and Pro Am's is 1250 hours.
- (d) Two races are scheduled for each In Port and Pro Am Race day, The Race committee may announce the scheduled start time of the second race in accordance with SI 2 (a).

6. COURSE

- (a)
- (i) Start, mid course gate, mark 1 (port), mid course gate, Marks 2s and 2p, mid course gate, Mark 1 (port), mid course gate, finish.
- (ii) The diagram in Appendix 2 shows the course, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- (iii) Mark 2 is shown as a gate, 2s and 2p. The mark 2 gate may be replaced by a single mark, in which case mark 2 shall be left to port. When there is a gate at Mark 2, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- (iv) When approaching the mid course gate boats shall sail between the gate marks in the direction from the previous Mark.
- (v) Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

- (b) At no later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line will display the approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles of Mark 1 from Mark 2.

7. THE START

- (a) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag with the word "start" on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a white truncated conical inflatable Mark at the other end of the line.
- (c) A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

8. MARKS

Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be black and white cubes with an orange top.

9. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE – CHANGE MARKS

- (a) RRS 33 (b) and (c) are deleted.
- (b) Race Signals, flag C is changed in that: boards may be used instead of flags.
- (c) Except at a gate boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1
- (d) Marks used for a change of course (Change Mark) will be advised at the In Port or Pro Am briefing in each port.
- (e) In a subsequent change of course when a Change Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original coloured mark.

10. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a flag mast displaying an orange flag with the word "finish" on a Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be 90 minutes. Furthermore, boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35.

12. PROTESTS

Breaches of instructions, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Addendum Q 2.3

13. DOCUMENTATION - Requirements as per NOR 5.1.

14. EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Requirements as per NOR 3.10 and Appendix 1, 2 and 3.

15. ASSEMBLY - Refer NOR 2.6.

16. OFFICIAL BOATS

- (a) Race Committee boats will display a pink flag showing the Volvo Ocean Race logo and the words Race Official.
- (b) Umpire boats will display a white flag showing the Volvo Ocean Race logo and the word ISAF Umpire.

17. SCORING, PRIZES AND TROPHIES - Refer Part 6 Scoring and Prizes

18. ADVERTISING - Refer NOR 3.6

29. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTIONS - Refer NOR 5.2

20. MEDIA REQUIREMENT

Unless advised otherwise by the Race Committee, boats shall

- (a) Transmit video and audio via the on board microwave transmitter using the supplied media equipment. Directions regarding cameras, microphones and transmission frequency will be given by the Race Committee before 0900 on the morning of the race.
Transmission shall commence at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start until at least 10 minutes after the boat is no longer racing in the second race of the day or racing is abandoned or postponed for that day.
 - (b) Record the video and audio on the on-board media system. Recording shall commence approximately 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start until at least 10 minutes after the boat is no longer racing in the second race of the day or racing is abandoned or postponed for that day or until the three tapes are fully used.
 - (c) Video and still photographs taken by the Media Crew Member shall be collected following racing.
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Appendix 1

ADDENDUM Q

RULES APPLICABLE TO IN PORT RACES and PRO AM RACES.

These sailing instructions change the definitions Finish, Proper Course and Protest, and rules 19.1, 28.1, 31.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70 and 78.3.

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2

- (a) The definition Finish is changed to
 - A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.
- (b) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'
- (c) When rule 19.1 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1, Q5.1, Q5.2, Q5.3 and Q5.4.'
- (b) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (c) (1) A boat that, while racing, may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31.1 may, after getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, take a voluntary penalty by promptly making one turn including one tack and one

gybe (for a board one 360° turn with no requirement for tacks or gybes).

- (2) When a boat takes a voluntary penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.
- (d) Rule 64.1(b) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2, except rule 14, but only for an incident in which she was involved, or under rule 31.1. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after, a boat involved in the incident has taken a voluntary penalty or after an umpire's decision.

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by promptly taking the voluntary penalty provided in instruction Q1.2(d). If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire will signal a decision as provided in instruction Q3.1

Q2.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

Shall inform the race committee of her intention to protest or request redress immediately after she finishes or retires. She shall lodge the protest or request for redress no later than 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.. The same time limit applies to consideration of redress under instructions Q5.2 and Q5.3 and to protests under instructions Q5.6. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green flag or a green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty'.
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'One or more boats are given an imposed penalty.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each boat to be penalized.

- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
- Q3.2 (a) A boat given an imposed penalty under instruction Q3.1 (b) shall, after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible, take a penalty by promptly making one turn including one tack and one gybe
- (b) When a boat takes an imposed penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.
- (c) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

- Q4.1 When a boat
 - (a) breaks rule 31.1 and does not take a penalty,
 - (b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
 - (c) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
 - (d) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more penalties, each being one turn including one tack and one gybe (for a board one 360° turn with no requirement for tacks or gybes) and each signalled by displaying a red flag and hailing the boat, or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action.
- Q4.2 (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.1 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.
- (b) When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c).
- Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 when there is no damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire, except as permitted in instruction Q5.2.

- Q5.2 A boat may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat or helicopter was improper. The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances if it believes that an official boat or helicopter, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat. The race committee may request the protest committee to consider this.
- Q5.3 A boat may not request redress under rule 62.1(a). The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress under that rule if it believes that an error may have been made. The race committee may request the protest committee to consider this.
- Q5.4 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'
- Q5.5 The race committee will not protest a boat except for an alleged breach of a measurement rule.
- Q5.6 The protest committee will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 when there is no damage or injury.

Appendix 2

Course

