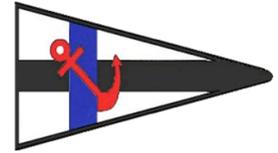




Club Universitario de Buenos Aires



# South American Championship 2013

NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2013

Puerto de Núñez, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Organizing Authority

CLUB UNIVERSITARIO DE BUENOS AIRES  
INTERNATIONAL J/24 CLASS ASOCIACION  
ASOCIACION ARGENTINA CLASE INTERNACIONAL J24

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The South American Championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS).
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class (IJCA) will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules 41, 44.3(a), and 61.1(a) will be changed as follows:

RRS 41 is changed to include: From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until she returns to her mooring, she shall not receive outside help except as permitted in RRS 41, from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority. While racing, Rule 41 applies without modification. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

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RRS 44.3(a) is changed so that the yellow flag (or code flag "I") used by a boat taking a scoring penalty shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the back stay adjuster above the deck.

RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm and shall be flown from a leg of the back stay adjuster above the deck.

RRS 44.2, One Turn and Two Turns Penalties, is deleted.

- 1.5 RRS Appendix P1 and P2.1, Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply. P2.1 is changed to: When a boat is penalized under P1, her penalty shall be a scoring penalty of 20% calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c). The penalized boat does not need to display a yellow flag.
- 1.6 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty will apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and if assigned, will be used as the identification for the boat during the regatta. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.
- 1.9 Any questions regarding these sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the race office. The questions and any answers will be posted on the regatta notice board located outside the race office no later than 0930 of the day following submission.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the race notice boards located outside the race office.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day they will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 hours the day before the change is to take effect except that running an extra race, or races, as per SI 5.4 will only be noticed on the water as per SI 5.6.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole, close to the regatta mooring.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the RRS Part 4 preamble.

## **5. SCHEDULE:**

### **5.1 Registration & Measurement:**

Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 - 18:00.
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 - 18:00.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 09:00 - 18:00.  
14:00 Practice Race.

**5.2** Racing days:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 Skippers Meeting.  
12:00 Warning Signal 1<sup>st</sup> Race of the day.  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 Warning Signal 1<sup>st</sup> Race of the day.  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Warning Signal 1<sup>st</sup> Race of the day.  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Warning Signal 1<sup>st</sup> Race of the day.  
18:00 Prize Giving Ceremony.

**5.3** Nine races are scheduled.

**5.4** The race committee may run more than two races on any day. If the regatta is on schedule, one extra race may be sailed, so that the regatta becomes not more than one race ahead of schedule. If the regatta is behind schedule, extra races to a maximum of four races on any day may be sailed.

**5.5** Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. Races not completed on the last day of racing will not be sailed.

**5.6** When the race committee intends to start another race on any day, they will display the 'Code Flag #1' with no sound from the finishing committee boat while boats are finishing.

**5.7** After a delay or postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, the race committee will display an Orange Flag with a long signal at least five minutes before a Warning signal.

**5.8** No warning signal will be made after 16:00 hours on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

**6. CLASS FLAG**

**6.1** The class flag will be a large white flag with a 'J/24' logo.

**7. RACING AREA**

**7.1** Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

**8. CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT**

**8.1** A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**9. THE COURSES**

**9.1** The courses will be windward/leeward, with 5 legs (Course 5) or 4 legs (Course 4) as diagrammed in Attachment B.

**9.2** An offset mark will be used in conjunction with mark 1. The offset mark will be placed to the left of the windward mark at approximately a right angle to the windward leg 60 – 80 m to port of Mark 1.

**9.3** Mark 2 will be a gate consisting of two marks (mark 2p and mark 2s). Boats must pass through the gate and then round mark 2p to port or mark 2s to starboard if the gate is present. If the gate is not present, mark 2 shall be rounded to port, as shown in the course diagram in Attachment B.

- 9.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designator, the approximate compass bearing and distance for the first leg from the starting line to mark 1. Course 5 will be designated by Code Flag #5. Course 4 will be designated by Code Flag #4.
- 9.5 For the purposes of this SI only, the distance between mark 1 and mark 1A is not a leg of the course.
- 9.6 No 5-leg course will be shortened to less than 4 legs, and no 4-leg course will be shortened to less than 3 legs.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 Course marks will be: Mark 1, 1A, 2S and 2P - orange inflatable buoy mark.
- 10.2 New marks, when used in accordance with SI 13.2 will be blue inflatable buoys.
- 10.3 The starting marks will be a race committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line and the port end mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy or a race committee boat.
- 10.4 The finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

## **11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 No areas are designated as obstructions.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal displayed 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and inflatable buoy or a race committee boat displaying a staff with an orange flag at the port end.
- 12.3 A boat that starts more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 A4 and A5.
- 12.4 When RRS 30.3 is in effect and one or more boats will be penalized, the race committee will redisplay the black flag after the start and intends to announce the sail and/or bow numbers of the boats that have broken RRS 30.3 via VHF channel 19 (changes RRS 30.3). Failure to make or receive a broadcast or the timeliness of the broadcast, or to post a boat's number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 A change of the next leg of the course will be signaled according to RRS 33.
- 13.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.3 If Mark 1 is changed after the start there will not be an offset mark (Mark 1A).

## **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1** If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2** If no boat has finished within 2 hours of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3** Boats still racing (and that do not subsequently retire, get disqualified, or get redress) 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see SI 19.2, Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 20 minute period expires. This changes RRS 35.
- 15.4** The target time for the races is 75 to 90 minutes.

## **16 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 (SCP) as modified herein, will apply.
- 16.2** The scoring penalty for violation of RRS 31 or violations of the rules of RRS Part 2 outside the zone shall be 10%. The scoring penalty for violations of the rules of RRS Part 2 inside the zone shall be 20%.
- 16.3** The reporting requirements of RRS 44.3(b) may be satisfied by contacting the race committee on VHF channel 19. The race committee will post a list of boats that have accepted a scoring penalty on the official notice board within the protest time limit.
- 16.4** In addition to the reporting requirements of RRS 44.3 (b), a boat accepting a scoring penalty shall file a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form" available at the race office within Protest Time.
- 16.5** After-Race Scoring Penalty - A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing may take a penalty after racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 40% (ASP) calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c). However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire. This adds to RRS 44. A boat accepting an After-Race Scoring Penalty shall file a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form" at the race office within Protest Time.
- 16.6** A boat that complies with some but not all of the requirements of 44.3(a), 44.3(b) and SI 16.4 will receive an After-Race Scoring Penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 16.7** Penalties for breaking instructions 1.8, 20.3, 21, 22 and 25 may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.
- 16.8** RRS 64.1(a) is changed to allow the Jury to assign penalties in accordance with Attachment C: ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING SOME IJCA RULES.
- 16.9** Add to RRS 64.1(c): If a boat receives a penalty when not racing under SI 16.8 or 16.9 that penalty shall apply to the race designated by the jury.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks after the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests or requests for

redress by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

- 17.3** The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice, or the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 17.4** Notices will be posted within 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located close to the race office, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or Jury will be posted. Such posting within the protest time limit satisfies the requirement to inform boats as soon as reasonably possible under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6** A list of boats that, under instruction 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 have acknowledged breaking a rule, or have been penalized by the Jury for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 17.7** Breaches of instructions 1.8, 20.3 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 17.8** On the last scheduled day of racing the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting party reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 17.9** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.10** Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **18 ARBITRATION**

- 18.1** An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. If all the parties to a protest are not represented, the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No additional witnesses will be permitted at the arbitration.
- 18.2** After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
- (a) The protest committee would find the protest to be invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a rule. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
  - (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31. The arbitrator would

offer each of those boats the option to accept an After-Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.

(d) A protest hearing is appropriate.

**18.3** The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After-Race Scoring Penalty (see SI 16.5) will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31.

**18.4** If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held; and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal.

**18.5** Following an arbitration meeting, the arbitrator of that meeting may allow the protest to be withdrawn. This changes RRS 63.1.

## **19 SCORING**

**19.1** The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except as changed by 19.3 and 19.4 below.

**19.2** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**19.3** Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2, A5, and A11.

**19.4** When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If five or more races are completed, her worst score will be excluded.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**20.1** Under RRS 87 IJCA Rule 5.3 is changed as follows: IJCA rule 5.3: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

**20.2** The number of crew shall not change during the regatta.

**20.3** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Jury. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Jury at the first reasonable opportunity. Substituted equipment shall comply with IJCA Class Rules.

**20.4** Requests for substitution shall be submitted in writing at the race office and any reply shall be posted on the regatta notice board.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**21.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water a boat can be instructed by the race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

**22.1** Trash shall be kept aboard and deposited in a trash receptacle on shore.

## **23 OFFICIAL BOATS**

**23.1** Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats	Club burgee
Jury	White figure with a black "J"
Measurer/Equipment Inspector	White figure with a black "M"
Press	Yellow Figure
VIP	Pink Flag

## **24 SUPPORT BOATS**

**24.1** Support Boats shall comply with SI 1.4.

**24.2** Support boats shall register with the Organizing Authority within the times designated for registration in SI 5.1 and clearly display the flag or other identification provided at all times while on the water.

**24.3** Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first start until the end of racing for the date, unless instructed otherwise by the Race Committee.

**24.4** Support boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor Race Committee Channel 19.

## **25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**25.1** All Boats must be afloat by 1800 hrs, Thursday, November 21 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

## **26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

**26.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the time of the warning signal for the first race until the end of the regatta.

**26.2** Diving will be forbidden.

## **27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**27.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **28 PRIZES**

**28.1** Prizes will be given to the top five crews.

## **29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**29.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



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## Attachment A

### RACING AREA

The regatta will be conducted on the waters of the Rio de la Plata River, in front of the Buenos Aires City shoreline. The racing area will be approximately 0.5 to 1.0 miles from the harbor. Transit time is estimated at 10 to 15 minutes. There are no man-made or natural obstructions on the route to or near the racecourse.

The racing area will provide race committee with different racecourses to choose from depending on conditions. Each offers a minimum of 4 miles of clear water in all directions. Typical flows are less than a knot. However, astronomical and meteorological influences can create stronger max flows on northwest – southeast direction.

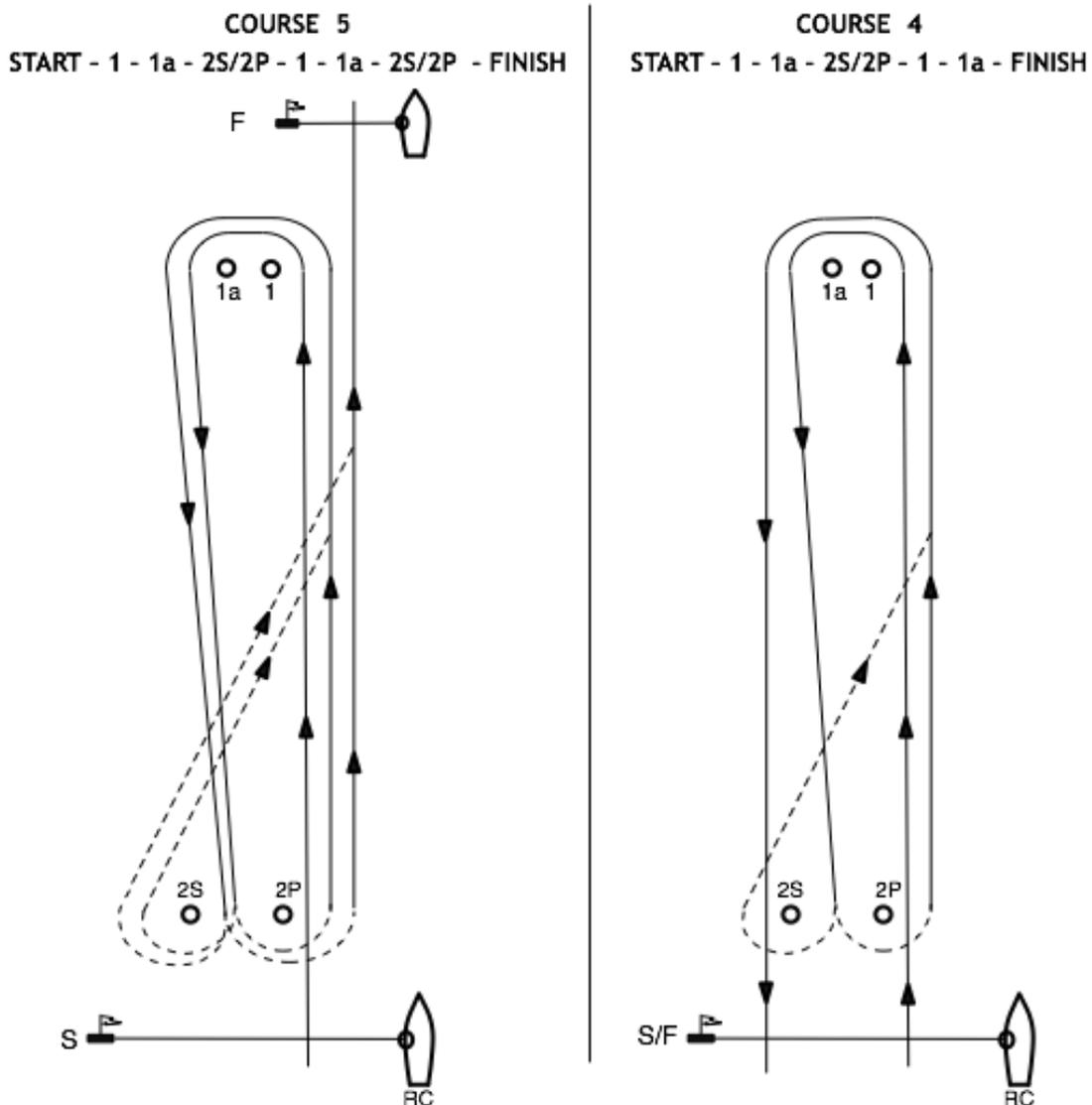
The lowest water high on the course area won't be less than 2.30 meters, the average tide is 0.60 meters.



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### Attachment B

#### COURSE DIAGRAMS



NOTE: If the gate (mark 2p and mark 2s) is not present, mark 2 will be set in place of marks 2p and 2s, and shall be rounded to port. 2s/2p in the rounding sequence for the courses is replaced by 2.

# Attachment C

## ***Alternative penalties for breaking some class rules.***

Alternative scoring penalties shall apply for breaking certain class rules. All of these scoring penalties shall be calculated as described in RRS 44.3(c) and shall be applied to all races for which the boat was in non-compliance.

<b>CLASS RULE</b>	<b>INFRINGEMENT</b>	<b>SCORING PENALTY</b>
2.5.6	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are to be kept aboard the yacht one or both items are not on board.	20%
2.6.1	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	20%
3.6.10 o)	The luff and/or foot of the mainsail set outside the distinguishing bands as defined in Rules 3.5.2(d) and 3.5.5(c).	20%
3.8.5	A bailing bucket of minimum capacity 9 liters fitted with a lanyard is not on board.	40%
3.8.9	2 liters or more of motor fuel is not on board when the boat crossed the finish line for the last race of the day	20%
4.1.3	The compass is installed but inoperable.	20%
4.1.8	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	40%
4.1.10	The required first aid kit and manual are not on board	20%
4.3	Any of anchor(s), outboard motor, battery and fuel container are not secured against movement.	20%
7.1.19	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging.	20%
8.1.2	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	20%
8.1.3	Use of other than normal sailing gear in normal, designed and proper storage areas to attain sailing weight.	20%
8.4	The removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision shall include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the jury.