



EU/MED 2024 Circuit Notice to Competitors

Series Scoring

In the lead up to the EU/MED Round 6, the International Class Association (ICA) received a scoring enquiry seeking clarity of how a boat that does not enter an event within the circuit should be scored. The ICA acting as the 'race committee' for the circuit acted under racing rule 90.3(c).

The Notice of Series (NOS) states:

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13.1 Three of the events specified in NoS 8.1 are required to be completed to constitute the 2024 Cape 31 Med Race Circuit.

13.2 One (1) race is required to be completed in an event to constitute an event for the 2024 Cape 31 Med Race Circuit.

13.3 RRS Low Points System of Appendix A shall be used for scoring of the 2024 31 Med Race Circuit, except that RRS A5.3 will apply for scoring in the Circuit series if a boat did not come to the starting area for all races in an event.

13.4 A boat's series score shall be the total of her event scores excluding her worst event score.

13.5 There will be two scoreboards, Overall and Corinthian. Teams racing for the 'Corinthian' division should have no more than one World Sailing Classified professional sailor on board per regatta.

NOS 13.3 applies the low point scoring system in racing rules Appendix A except in the context of the circuit where each event is regarded as a race i.e. a boat that wins an event is scored 1, second 2 etc and these scores are combined with others from other events to make up each boat's circuit score.

During the review that took place on the 10 July it was considered that the term 'series' in rule A5.3 refers to a series of races within the individual events which is consistent with the use of the term in the World Sailing Case Book (the authoritative interpretations of the racing rules).

This led to an understanding that if a boat does not come to the race area in any race during an individual regatta as per NOS 13.3 it would be scored points equal to the number of boats entered in the series (series of races within an event) plus 1 as per the last part of A5.3.

To illustrate this, if 5 boats enter an individual event, any boat that does not come to the start area for any of the races (boats that enter other events but not this one, or boats that enter but don't compete) in that series of races will be scored 6 points for the purpose of their circuit score.

The circuit scoring was updated to reflect the above understanding which is consistent with the rule 90.3(c).

On 11 July a further query was raised challenging this understanding.

Following detailed deliberation, it has been concluded that the scoring method is to be reverted such that a boat that does not enter an individual event is scored points equal to the number of boats entered in the circuit plus one.

This is on the basis that NOS 13.3 states that A5.3 is to be used to score the 'circuit series'. Therefore, the term 'series' in A5.3 applies to the circuit not a series of races in an individual event meaning any boat which does not come to the start line of any race in an individual event will be scored points equal to the number of boats entered in the circuit series plus 1.

On behalf of the Cape 31 Class Association

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