

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER RACING RULES QUIZ

The quiz is open to all RYA members. The decision of the judges is final – preference will be given to answers from non-race officials. For our “international” audience, we will name the best international entry as well.

Please email all answers to Jacqui Roberts at jacqui.roberts@rya.org.uk by 30 November 2009.

Question 1

An Optimist (length 2.3m) and a B14 (waterline length 4.3m, overall length with bowsprit 6.1m) are approaching a leeward mark. The B14 is flying her gennaker. The Optimist is clear ahead of the B14. The foremost point of the B14's bowsprit is 11 m from the mark. The bow of the Optimist is 3 m from the mark.

What is the size of the zone?

- (a) 6.9 m
- (b) 13.2 m
- (c) 18.3 m

Question 2

On the start line in the 49ers, the wind is 18 knots and there is a moderate swell. A and B are approaching the starting line on starboard tack shortly before the starting signal. A is clear ahead of B.

A loses control, slows and capsizes to leeward. In order to avoid a collision, B luffs hard and crosses the starting line by half a length. The starting signal is sounded, followed by a second signal and the display of flag X. B sails on and does not return to the pre-course side of the starting line.

At the end of the race, B is scored OCS and requests redress, saying she only crossed the line early because of the actions of A and to comply with rules 14 and 22.

What should the Protest Committee do, and why?

- (a) Grant redress and reinstate her to her finishing position
- (b) Grant redress by reinstating her and the addition of an appropriate points penalty for crossing the line early
- (c) Refuse redress
- (d) Disqualify A, grant redress to B and reinstate her

AUGUST RACING RULES QUIZ

The judges have awarded the prize for August to Douglas Maxwell from London.

