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Bayview-Mackinac Race 2024

Permission is granted to test the following change to *The Racing Rules of Sailing*:

Amend the definition of *finish*.

Suggested language for the NoR and SI:

The definition of *finish* is changed, as approved by US Sailing under RRS 86.3, as follows:

A boat *finishes* when its position transponder, in its assigned location (per Sailing Instructions), crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not *finished* if after crossing the finish line she

- (a) takes a penalty turn under RRS 44.2,
- (b) corrects an error under RRS 28.2 made at the line, or
- (c) continues to *sail the course*.

Each boat, at the time of crossing the finishing line, shall take a photograph of the boat's primary navigation GPS clearly showing the time and location and demonstrating compliance with crossing the finishing line.

In addition, please make the following changes to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions:

1. Add "after starting" after "A boat finishes..."
2. In the definition *finish* part (b) change 'under RRS 28.2' to "in *sailing the course*", which is in the current 2021-2024 definition.

This permission is granted by US Sailing under the US Prescription to rule 86.3 for the following event:

Bayview-Mackinac Race 2024

Please note that this change must be included in the notice of race and sailing instructions for this event.

Best regards,



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Race Administration Director

APPENDIX WP

RULES FOR WAYPOINTS

When stated in the notice of race, races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix.

Version May 2021.

WP1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

WP1.1 The definition *Mark* is changed to:

Mark An object or *waypoint* the sailing instructions require a boat to leave on a specified side, a race committee vessel surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends, and an object intentionally attached to the object or vessel. However, an anchor line is not part of the *mark*.

WP1.2 Add new definition *Waypoint*:

Waypoint A geographic position on the surface of the water defined by WGS 84 latitude and longitude coordinates expressed in degrees decimal minutes (DDM).

WP1.3 The definition *Zone* is changed to:

Zone The area around a *mark* within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer to it. The area of the *zone* at a *mark* that is a *waypoint* may be changed in the notice of race or sailing instructions. A boat is in the *zone* when any part of her hull is in the *zone*.

Note: Approved as an appendix to be placed on the World Sailing website. The appendix may be amended with the approval of the World Sailing Racing Rules Committee.

Guidance notes for race organizers are available at
<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/experimental-rules.php>