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SI ADDENDUM B - PENALTIES FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM CONTACT BETWEEN BOATS RACING

The umpires may impose a penalty for breaking rule 14 without a protest hearing, unless a boat involved in the incident boat requests a hearing, in which case the umpires shall report the incident to the Protest Committee. If it has good reasons to do so, the Protest Committee may impose a greater penalty than what the umpires determined was appropriate. This addendum explains how damage will be assessed and prescribes the appropriate penalty level. There are a number of things we are trying to achieve with damage penalties:

- Minimize damage to keep costs down and avoid delays while boats are repaired.
- Ensure that penalties fit the breach and are consistent.

Damage Levels

1. Level A Minor Damage
 - a. Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.
 - b. Boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.
2. Level B Damage
 - a. Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat.
 - b. The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.
3. Level C Major Damage
 - a. The normal operation of the boat is compromised and its structural integrity may be impaired.
 - b. The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.

Penalties:

Race-win penalties may be imposed by umpires after a race to boats that break rule 14. Any penalties are deducted from one boat's or both boats' team's total race wins for the round-robin in which the damage occurred. In the event that both boats are given the same penalty in a race during a knock-out round, the penalties are offsetting and will be disregarded for scoring purposes.

Race-Win Penalties: to be applied without a hearing

- Level A  No penalty
- Level B  3/4 race win
- Level C  1 race win

Deductions from Damage Deposits Any deductions from damage deposits are a matter for the Organizing Authority and are not related to and do not affect any race win penalties imposed by the Umpires or Protest Committee