

## Rules Specialist Group 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing

### Use of A4.2 or A9 What is a regatta?

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#### 1. Question

Scoring at McCrae Yacht Club

For a race in the McCrae YC "Aggregate Series", should a DNF boat be scored according to A4.2 or A9? Which rules apply to come to this conclusion?

A follow-up question: What is the definition of a 'regatta' as used in A9?

#### 2. Background:

The Aggregate series is held over a period of 5 months from November 2017 – April 2018.

#### 3. Answer:

As 'regatta' is not a defined term under the RRS we have taken the meaning as 'used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use' (refer Introduction of the RRS - 'Terminology'). In this regard we would define a regatta as 'A series of races over a short period'

The RSG advises the series should be scored in accordance with A9 as the "Aggregate Series" is a series that is held over a longer period of time than a regatta.

An example of a regatta would be the McCrae Yacht Club 'Bendigo Ice Breaker' regatta held over the weekend of the 23/24<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 4. Discussion on the above answer:

In reviewing the question, the RSG has noted some anomalies in the way the rules are presented, and we can see how alternative opinions could be presented.

For example, there is now no need to mention the 'Low Point System' in rule 90.3. This is a hangover from when there used to be two systems detailed in Appendix A.

We also agree that it would be clearer if A4.2 was repositioned to be part of A9.

However, from the way the appendix is set up with the various options, such as Race Ties and Series Ties, that apply to the overall scoring system, then A9 should be applied to the Scoring system when appropriate.

Not to do so would make A9 irrelevant.

#### 5. Conclusion:

To make the issue clearer the RSG will be recommending AS make a submission to WS for a change to be made in the next rule book.

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