

Report on use of Addendum Q

Sailing Champions League Finals, 26 – 28 April 2019

Class sailed: Elliot 7

Entries: 14

Host club: Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli NSW 2061

Chief umpire: Damien Boldyrew

1. Prior to the event.

- 1.1. The application of Addendum Q was a forgone conclusion. The race format is based on the original German Sailing League, established in 2013; up to 45 umpired fleet races with five to eight boats, in short races of 12 to 20 minutes over two/three days.
 - 1.2. The ‘traditional’ protest procedure of our sport does not suit this type of fast paced event format. All boat v boat incidents need to be resolved on the water as they occur.
 - 1.3. As such, Addendum Q was used with the approval of Australian Sailing.
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2. Changes made to Addendum Q

- 2.1. Some changes were made to Addendum Q for the event. Some of these changes were simply to tidy up the document (such as delete the preamble, delete references to class specific changes such as those within Q1.1(2), Q1.2(b), Q1.2(d), Q2.1) whilst others as noted below were specific changes to suit the event.
 - 2.2. Q2.3 was deleted. The scoring display after each race was not considered a relevant requirement for this event.
 - 2.3. Q2.4 and Q2.5 was deleted. No protests by a boat, other than as allowed under Q2.1, and no requests for redress by a boat were allowed.
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3. Umpiring the event under Addendum Q

- 3.1. For the uninitiated, Addendum Q is a laborious document to read and understand. To assist competitors, at the event competitors were briefed on how to protest, the signals an umpire may make and what a boat then needs to do. Simplicity is key to this briefing.
 - 3.2. On the water, two umpire ribs operated, umpiring six boats racing each race. This was adequate for the number of boats and style of racing.
 - 3.3. Post-racing each day, the umpire team was available to answer questions about calls made. Often general rules queries were also raised. This sort of interaction is important and should be encouraged.
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4. Feedback

- 4.1. From the OA, the feedback was that the umpiring was conducted as expected and in line with event expectations.
- 4.2. From the umpire team this was a straight forward event although given the limitations on protests outside of Q2.1 and the exclusion of requests for redress, a heightened awareness of circumstances outside of Part 2 rules needed to be maintained. In essence, any circumstance on the course that may entitle a boat to redress needed to be considered and in consultation with the race officer, a decision then made on the most appropriate action to take for the fairest outcome for the boats.
- 4.3. There were no issues in the application of Addendum Q as amended for the event.

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