

Sail Canada Judges Program

Judges Exam – Part B *Sample Questions*

General Instructions:

- 1 – Write your name and date on all test pages.
- 2 – This is an open book exam however only World Sailing or Sail Canada publications may be used.
- 3 – Use of model boats is allowed.
- 4 – Unless otherwise stated, it is assumed a valid protest has been delivered.
- 5 – Unless otherwise stated, wind and sea conditions are not a factor.
- 6 – When a single rule number is noted in the answer, it is assumed only that rule was broken.
- 7 – General meaning of letters used:
 - A – Boat clear ahead
 - B – Boat clear astern
 - I – Inside boat
 - L – Leeward boat
 - M – Middle or intervening boat
 - O – Outside boat
 - P – Port-tack boat
 - S – Starboard tack boat
 - W – Windward boatLetters may be used in combination

Other letters may be used to identify a specific boat:
Example X, Y, Z or other identifying letter.
- 8 – Other abbreviations
 - OA - Organizing Authority
 - RC - Race Committee
 - PC – Protest Committee
- 9 – There can be more than one correct answer

Q.1

Boat L (a visiting boat) and Boat W (from the host club) were approaching a rocky shore sailing close hauled courses. L hailed “room to tack” and W replied “You can go right up to the shore here.” But L quickly tacked and hailed protest. Both protested and the PC found that there was plenty of deep water for another couple of boat lengths.

- (a) W broke rules 20.2(b)
- (b) L broke rule 20.1(a)
- (c) Neither boat broke a rule, as it was not reasonable for L to know there was still adequate depth
- (d) Neither boat broke rule 14
- (e) W broke rule 19.2(c)

(a) and (d). It is not relevant that there was in fact sufficient water for L to continue sailing for a couple more lengths. L was approaching the obstruction close hauled and would soon need to make a substantial change of course to avoid it safely. She hailed as permitted by rule 20.1. W did not respond to L’s hail by either tacking or hailing and broke rule 20.2(b). The PC found as fact that it was not reasonably possible for either to avoid contact, supports the conclusion that rule 14 was not broken. W did not break rule 19.2(c) because they were not passing the continuing obstruction.

Q.2

When X saw Y round the windward mark in the wrong direction, she was too far away to hail. X sailed within hailing distance of Y down the final leg and through the finish line but said and did nothing. When the results were posted X advised Y that she was protesting her. Which decision would be most appropriate?

- (a) The protest is valid
- (b) The protest is invalid, because X did not inform Y at her first reasonable opportunity while on the last leg
- (c) The protest is invalid, because X did not inform Y as soon as possible after Y had finished
- (d) The protest is invalid, because X did not inform Y as soon as possible after X had finished
- (e) The protest is invalid, because X did not hail “protest” and display a red flag at the time she saw Y miss the mark

(c). Rule 61.1(a)(3) does not require a hail or flag if the incident is an error in sailing the course. It requires a boat to inform the other either before or at the first reasonable opportunity after the other boat finishes. X could have done (b) but because she didn’t, she could have complied with (c) as her last option.

Q.3

Boats W and L are broad reaching to the finish line. L, who established the overlap from clear astern within two lengths of W, steers a course directly for the port end finishing mark, which is favoured. Both boats have been shouting “I am sailing my proper course – keep clear.” When six lengths from the finish, L’s spinnaker pole makes contact with the end of W’s boom, breaking the spinnaker pole.

- (a) L broke rules 17 and 14
- (b) W broke rules 17 and 14
- (c) W broke rules 11 and 14
- (d) L broke rule 14, but is exonerated
- (e) L broke rule 14

(c) and (e). Steering a course directly for the favoured end of the line was a proper course for L, therefore she did not break rule 17. W broke rule 11 and 14 and would be penalized. It was reasonably possible for L to avoid contact with W by bearing away just before contact, therefore she also broke rule 14, and because there was damage she cannot be exonerated for her breach.

Q.4

Boat O gives inside overlapped Boat I insufficient room at a mark and I is forced to touch the mark. Neither boat protests and no penalty turns are made. Another Boat X sees the mark touch and protests I.

- (a) O broke rule 18.2(b) and I broke rule 31
- (b) O broke rule 18.2(b) and I broke rule 31, but I is exonerated for her breach
- (c) O broke rule 18.2(b)
- (d) Close the hearing, protest O and open a new hearing with I and O
- (e) Stop the hearing, protest O, then resume hearing with I and O

(d). O is not a party to the hearing and must be protested before she can be penalized. After the protest against O, the hearing must begin all over from the start. Answer (b) would be the correct answer if X had protested both O and I.

Q.5

Boats L and W are on starboard approaching the leeward mark to be left to port. L sails a steady course past the mark. W hails "You must gybe" and slowly bears away until there is light contact with no injury or damage when the boats are two boat lengths beyond the mark. L had overtaken from astern.

- (a) L broke rule 18.4
- (b) W broke rule 11
- (c) W broke rule 18.2(b)
- (d) W broke rules 11 and 14
- (e) L broke rules 18.4 and 14 but is exonerated for breaking rule 14

(d) and (e). L sailed farther from the mark than needed to sail her proper course and broke rule 18.4. She also broke rule 14. Because L was the right of way boat under rule 11 and the contact did not cause damage or injury, L can be exonerated for her breach of rule 14. W broke rule 11. W to windward did not keep clear of L, breaking rule 11. She did not avoid contact with L when it was reasonably possible, breaking rule 14. W was not entitled to room or mark-room and cannot be exonerated by rule 14(b) or 21. She was not compelled to break rule 11 or 14 by L's breach, so cannot be exonerated by rule 64.1(a).