

# XVIII Copa del Rey Vela Clásica Menorca

## Question for Officials

**Date: 2022-08-26**

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**Question No: 01**

**Question For: Race Committee**

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Questions from Spartan re Sailing Instructions Vela Classica de Menorca/ Copa del Rey 2021

RE NOR 2.2.1 This rule describes a "Canvas" and "Sponsor Flag" that competitors are supposed to receive from the OA and display as described in the rules. Our race package did not have these two items and when we went to the Race Office to inquire - they told us they had no such items. We want to comply with this rule - but have made best efforts to obtain these items with no success.

RE SI 3.2 It would be very difficult/AP for all the classic yachts that are tied to the dock be ready for a warning signal (outside the harbor start area) just one hour after a signal without prior warning of that AP signal being dropped. We encourage you to communicate clearly and proactively if there is a postponement on shore so that everyone can be ready to race... so everyone can safely leave the port, get their sails up and be ready to race.

RE: SI 7.5 If flag "T" is displayed then the wording of this rule would "turn off" the requirement to honor the lateral marks/marine traffic lights, and islands in the harbor as well as all other marks of the course. Is that what you want to do because that's how it reads in english version? Maybe it would be good to specify that the lateral marks/marine traffic lights in Annex 3 still need to be honored if flag "T" is displayed.

RE SI 8.1 What are the "marks of the entrance of Mahon harbor? Just the two buoys - or other marks too?

Re SI 9.2 Why are two groups listed in 9.2a and two groups listed in 9.2b? Is it your

intent (unless you signal otherwise out in the course area) to have just three starts - or will Vintage Bermudians and Vintage Gaff classes have separate starts?

RE SI 9.5 Does this rule apply before the warning signal for the first class? We respectfully request that it does not - so that all competitors can check the starting line, set their instruments and "ping" the ends before the first warning signal. And of course all competitors are monitoring VHF 71 so if the Committee requires the line to be clear to move an end, it can so state on the radio. A "helpful" radio transmission from the Race Committee is always to know "the start line is in position" or "the start line is not yet in position".

RE SI 10.2 This rule is not clear to us. Why would you signal a change from D to C? How would you signal a change from D to C? Are you talking about some change signaled as we are rounding/passing one of these two marks on this course? .... In addition, the Appendix is fairly clear on how the course 6 inverted is to be sailed by default - but to match the diagram it might be better to change and put "Isle del Air to starboard" after Mark C to port, not before as written - as many other courses are described. Please clarify.

Re SI 13.3 Is there a mistake in the wording of this rule? It seems like it would be better to make the last sentence read: "... may delay her penalty until rounding mark 1A..."

RE SI 14.2 We are confused about the difference between "Class" and "Group" and why they are referenced here. Are we not sailing and being scored in our class? Therefore why refer to "Group" at all in this SI? See SI 5.1 and NOR 4.1 where the word "Category" seems to be used in place of "Group".

RE SI 16.4 Will the 300 Euro fee be refunded if the protest is upheld? If the protest is upheld - will the protestee - the infringing boat - have to pay the 300 Euro fee?

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Isler - SY Spartan

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## **Answer:**

Answer from Race Committee to each point

RE NOR 2.2.1 This rule describes a "Canvas" and "Sponsor Flag" that competitors are supposed to receive from the OA and display as described in the rules. Our race package did not have these two items and when we went to the Race Office to inquire - they told us they had no such items. We want to comply with this rule - but have made best efforts to obtain these items with no success.

**RC - 2.2.1 (b) Group identification flag has everything included. Only this flag is needed.**

RE SI 3.2 It would be very difficult/AP for all the classic yachts that are tied to the dock be ready for a warning signal (outside the harbor start area) just one hour after a signal without prior warning of that AP signal being dropped. We encourage you to communicate clearly and proactively if there is a postponement on shore so that everyone can be ready to race... so everyone can safely leave the port, get their sails up and be ready to race.

**RC - We are very aware of this situation**

RE: SI 7.5 If flag "T" is displayed then the wording of this rule would "turn off" the requirement to honor the lateral marks/marine traffic lights, and islands in the harbour as well as all other marks of the course. Is that what you want to do because that's how it reads in english version? Maybe it would be good to specify that the lateral marks/marine traffic lights in Annex 3 still need to be honored if flag "T" is displayed.

**RC - We take note of your suggestion. All maritime traffic lights should always be respected.**

RE SI 8.1 What are the "marks of the entrance of Mahon harbor? Just the two buoys - or other marks too?

**RC - Marks of the entrance of Mahon Harbour. There are two red and two green lights.**

Re SI 9.2 Why are two groups listed in 9.2a and two groups listed in 9.2b? Is it your intent (unless you signal otherwise out in the course area) to have just three starts - or will Vintage Bermudians and Vintage Gaff classes have separate starts?

**RC - All classes have separate start. Taking 9.3 in consideration**

RE SI 9.5 Does this rule apply before the warning signal for the first class? We respectfully request that it does not - so that all competitors can check the starting line, set their instruments and "ping" the ends before the first warning signal. And of course all competitors are monitoring VHF 71 so if the Committee requires the line to be clear to move an end, it can so state on the radio. A "helpful" radio transmission from the Race Committee is always to know "the start line is in position" or "the start line is not yet in position".

**RC - It applies from the first warning signal. We announce and give time enough before.**

RE SI 10.2 This rule is not clear to us. Why would you signal a change from D to C? How would you signal a change from D to C?

**RC - As SI 10.4 add mark D**

Are you talking about some change signaled as we are rounding/passing one of these two marks on this course? .... In addition, the Appendix is fairly clear on how the course 6 inverted is to be sailed by default - but to match the diagram it might be better to change and put "Isle del Air to starboard" after Mark C to port, not before as written - as many

other courses are described. Please clarify.

**RC - Isla del Aire is no more a mark, only round mark C as in SI 10.2**

Re SI 13.3 Is there a mistake in the wording of this rule? It seems like it would be better to make the last sentence read: "... may delay her penalty until rounding mark 1A..."

**RC - Printing problem, it is mark 1A**

RE SI 14.2 We are confused about the difference between "Class" and "Group" and why they are referenced here. Are we not sailing and being scored in our class? Therefore why refer to "Group" at all in this SI? See SI 5.1 and NOR 4.1 where the word "Category" seems to be used in place of "Group".

**RC - Every class will sail and be scored by class - 5 classes SI.23**

RE SI 16.4 Will the 300 Euro fee be refunded if the protest is upheld?

**RC Yes**

If the protest is upheld - will the protestee - the infringing boat - have to pay the 300 Euro fee?

**RC The final decision is of the Protest Committee**

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