



## AC35 Umpire Call 04

### **Rule 44 Penalties Given by Umpires**

#### **Question**

Can the umpires change a decision after penalizing a yacht if they believe an error has been made?

#### **Answer**

Yes. If, soon after communicating a decision, the umpires are certain that an error has been made, they will act to correct the error by:

cancelling the original penalty and penalizing the correct yacht;

penalizing the yacht that broke a rule; or

signalling a penalty as complete.