



AC35 Umpire Call 05

Rule 44.2(a), (b) and (c) Penalties

Question

When will umpires determine a yacht is not taking her penalty correctly?

Answer

When the umpires are certain the yacht knows (or should know) that she has a penalty, the Umpires will expect to see the yacht act immediately to reduce her VMG/VMC. If the Umpires are certain that the yacht is not reducing her VMG/VMC at that time, they will give that yacht an additional penalty for a breach of 44.2.

Furthermore, for an OCS penalty and penalties given prior to the starting signal, if the penalty is not completed before a yacht completes leg 1, the umpires will give that yacht an additional penalty for a breach of 44.2.