



Questions to the Sailing Instructions
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Question: SI 14.7 seems ambiguous, because the first sentence refers to boats that are “still racing[,]” while the second sentence (the italicized example) refers to boats “finishing outside the time limit” (emphasis added). Common sense would seem to suggest that boats “still racing” at the expiration of the time limit would not actually have to “finish” to qualify for the “number of finishers +2” score. Is that interpretation correct?

Response: Yes

Question: SI 15.6 says safety harnesses and PFD’s “shall be worn by all crew members at all times while racing”. Is this meant to apply even to crew not on deck, eg., off-watch and sleeping; using the head; changing out of wet foulies, etc?

Response: SI 15.6 will apply to crew while on deck

Question: SI 17.1 provides a cell phone number (250-618-5562) for the Race Committee. Can racers communicate with the Race Committee by sending text messages to that number?

Response: No, phone only at this time

Question: SI 17.6 disallows the use of subscription weather services that are not “freely available to all competitors” as per Rule 41(c). Two questions here:

- a) does the “freely available” language mean that racers can’t use apps or subscription services that are not literally “free” of cost, such as Sailgrib apps?
And,
- b) Given that the RRS states “Part 4 rules only apply to boats racing unless the rule states otherwise[,]” can boats in the VI 360 legally use paid-for weather service between legs of the race, notwithstanding SI 17.6?

Response: a) any service or application that requires a subscription fee breaks rule 41(c). For additional information, please see World Sailing Case 120

b) Yes