

POST-RACE PENALTY AT THIS EVENT

Is it possible your boat -

- Touched a mark, but did not take a one-turn penalty?
- Broke a rule in an incident with another boat, but did not take a one-turn or a two-turns penalty?

You can reduce the risk of being protested, or the risk of being disqualified if you are protested.

How? – by taking a Post-Race Penalty.

It's a voluntary 'scoring penalty'.

It can be taken for any incident where you could have validly taken a one-turn penalty or a two-turns penalty at the time of the incident (see rule 44.1) – but you didn't.

In a race for 10 boats or fewer, it is a one-place penalty

With 11 or more boats, it's a two-place penalty*

However, it cannot be worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

You take a Post-Race Penalty by applying to do so at the race office – there's a simple form.

It can be taken at any time after the race but before the start of any protest hearing related to the incident.

There may be RYA Arbitration before any related protest hearing (see separate notice). If so, if the Arbitrator believes you have broken a rule, you will be invited to take a Post-Race Penalty. If you take it, you can't then be disqualified for that incident.

* See change to Sailing Instructions no 5.