

A reminder that PDSC is fully committed to

The RYA Racing Charter

Principles and Practices (an extract)

The sport welcomes all participants; it relies largely on self-compliance and self-policing. Those that deliberately take unfair advantage of this or behave in an inappropriate manner, either on or off the water, can expect action to be taken against them.

Competitors agree to compete in compliance with the rules and behave in accordance with accepted standards of sailboat racing. When involved in a genuine dispute, all parties to the dispute and those deciding the matter will use the established procedures for achieving resolution.

Foul or abusive language, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others or their property will not be tolerated.

Organisers, officials and other providers of sailboat racing agree to provide the fairest racing possible. This includes encouraging feedback and facilitating the resolution of genuine disputes (including protests) in a timely and proper manner.

The RYA encourages the use of rule 69 and rule 2 to penalise and deter unacceptable behaviour both on and off the water.

(2. FAIR SAILING

A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A boat may be penalized under this rule if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated.

69.1 Action by a Protest Committee

(a) When a protest committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source, believes that a competitor may have committed a gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing.)