ADDENDUM Q (RRS APPENDIX MR)

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In February 2021, a working party has been appointed by the racing rules committee that was tasked with the review and update of the published version of Addendum Q (last released on January 1 2019). While the primary focus was to update the Addendum to the RRS 2021-2024, there have been a number of other improvements and simplifications. The intention of this document is to highlight the most important changes between the new 2021 version and the current 2019 addendum, as well as the reasons behind the change.

Whats new?

1. **Update of the preamble**
   - **Future Appendix MR**: With the introduction of the “two-letter”-appendices to RRS, the intended path for Addendum Q is to make it “Appendix MR” in the near future. To announce that, the new name has been included in the headline
   - **Umpired Medal Racing**: The original intention of Addendum Q was to provide a set of rules for medal racing (especially in the Olympic classes). However, it was increasingly used outside that scope for many other fleet racing events, sometimes with unauthorized changes to it. The intention the RRC is to issue Appendix UF for general umpired fleet racing, therefore it is logical to have a distinct name for each set of rules and Add. Q is now named Umpired Medal Racing instead of Umpired Fleet Racing.
   - **Scope of Add Q**: The scope for using addendum Q is now referred to Olympic Classes with the possibility for international or national classes events to use it under RRS 86.2 or 86.3.
   - **Prohibition of a changes**: Changes to Add Q are no longer permitted unless approved by WS. This may be needed to correct errors at international Olympic classes events.
   - **Removal of the list of changed rules**: The addendum used to state in the preamble that it changed a number of rules and listed those in that sentence. The Add Q rules that changed a RRS sometimes contained an additional reference to the rule they changed, and sometimes not. This has been amended for consistency and easier reading.

2. **Update to the RRS 2021-2024**
   - **Rules References**: A number of references to the RRS have been updated as some rule numbers did change with the new rule book (e.g. RRS 64.2 in Q 1.2 e).
   - **Removed old Rule Q 1.2(g)**: With the new exoneration rule RRS 43, there is no longer the need for umpires to apply exoneration under former RRS 64.1a) as this is now automatic. For this reason, the rule in the addendum has become obsolete.
   - **Removed old Rule Q 1.2(h)**: RRS 64.5 b has been updated with the new book, so that the possibilities of penalizing a boat (that was a party to a hearing) for the breach of a rule by a support person have widened. They include what has been previously worded in Add Q, so that this rule is no longer needed.
   - **Rule Q 4.2**: Is updated according to the new wording of rule 28.2.

3. **Simplification**
   - **Classes Reference for arm signal under RRS 20 changed**: Since the list of classes in Q 1.1(b) required frequent updates, especially to maintain the Para Classes, they were removed from the rule. Instead, the rule now permits to list any class in the SI, in order to waive the requirement of making the arm signals
   - **One Turn Penalty Q 1.2(a)**: Add Q used to have a wide rewording of RRS 44.1 since the very beginning. The effect of that wording was basically to change the Two Turns Penalty into a One Turn Penalty for all boats. With that purpose, there may have been other unintended implications, so that the proposal is just to change the Two Turn Penalty into a One Turn penalty (like many SI do).
• **Deletion of old Add Q 1.2(b):** Boards and kiteboards always race under their own appendix that changes RRS 44.1. As this changed rule clearly specifies how the boards or kites shall do their penalties, there is no need to repeat it in Add Q. Therefore, this rule should be deleted.

• **Simplification of old Q 1.2.(d):** RRS 61.1 is also changed significantly in Add Q. 2.1. It is therefore not needed here. The deletion of RRS B5 (and also F5) should be stated in a separate rule, and this becomes Q 1.2(c).

4. **New Rule for boats scored OCS**
   - **New signal for boats scored OCS:** Boats that have been OCS and did not return in a medal, may still continue to sail their race which might potentially disadvantage other boats that have started correctly. To avoid this, the “X-Flag” umpire signal has been introduced and tested in a number of World Cup Series events. The signal should now be included into Add Q (with the possibility to change the flag in the SI).
   - **Obligation for Boats scored OCS:** After a boat has been signaled OCS by an umpire, she has the obligation to promptly leave the course area. Reasons: see above.

5. **House-Keeping**
   - **Changes to the numbering scheme:** As some rules have been deleted and new ones added, the numbering of the rules was updated accordingly (e.g. Q1.2)
   - **Rewording of some phrases:** Some words have been written different, to be consistent with the rule book.
   - **Version, Name and Date:** The version of the document is now in the footer instead of the preamble. This allows to see the version on each page, especially when having a printed copy.