

US SAILING ADVANCED RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
NATIONAL RACE OFFICER ESSAY TEST

Sample Question

For each situation, we want to understand the process you use to make your decision. Merely stating your conclusion (even if it is correct) is not sufficient. You may use an outline form, rather than complete sentences, for your answers. If you need to make any assumptions, state them. You are the PRO.

1. The event is the national championship of a one-design class. The sailing instructions do not mention shortening the course, but do establish a time limit. Five races are necessary before a race can be discarded in calculating the series scores. Late on the last day of the regatta you are running race number five. The last two legs of the course are a run followed by a long beat to the finish. When the leaders in the race are 3/4 of the way to the last (leeward) mark, they are on schedule to finish within the time limit, if the wind does not diminish. As the leaders approach the leeward mark the wind diminishes significantly.
 - What options available to you, and what are the pros and cons of each?
 - What would you do, and why? If your solution involves any RC action, explain what you would do.

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