



## Umpire Questions and Answers

### QA013

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Rule 41	Outside Help
Rule 48	Limitations on Equipment and Crew
Rule 60	Right to Protest or Rule 69 Action
Rule 78	Compliance with Class Rule; Certificates

#### Question

While racing, a crew member unintentionally goes overboard. What Racing Rules apply to this situation?

#### Answer

The Umpires recognise that the first priority is to the safety and well-being of the person in the water. Therefore an umpire boat or the closest vessel should act immediately to retrieve the person in the water.

In this situation, the crew member has not intentionally gone overboard to temporarily swim in order to perform a necessary function and therefore, shall not be accepted back onboard. Once the crew member is retrieved, the umpires will not take any actions under the RRSAC.

If the crew member is returned to the yacht, then the umpires will disqualify that yacht as per rule 60.4(e) for a breach of rule 41.

In regards to compliance with the AC75 Class Rules (particularly AC75 CR 28.1), if a yacht has broken a class rule, it is the Measurement Committee that follows the processes detailed in RRSAC 78.2.