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HOW TO PREVENT DSQs

EASY ON-THE-WATER STRATEGIES FOR HANDLING PROTESTABLE INCIDENTS CAN HELP AVOID A SCORING DISASTER.



WHEN THE scoring system does not permit you to exclude or “throw out” your worst score, a DSQ becomes a significant penalty. For example, if you are averaging third place in an event with 12 entries, a DSQ adds 10 penalty points to your score. Scoring systems used by U.S. high school and college sailing do not permit discard races, which puts a priority on avoiding a scoring disaster. Two recent *protests* at a high school regional championship provide clear examples.

The protestor in the first hearing handled his boat and his *protest* in a way that insured him against a DSQ. The first diagram shows what happened. Oscar and Inga rounded the windward *mark* close to each

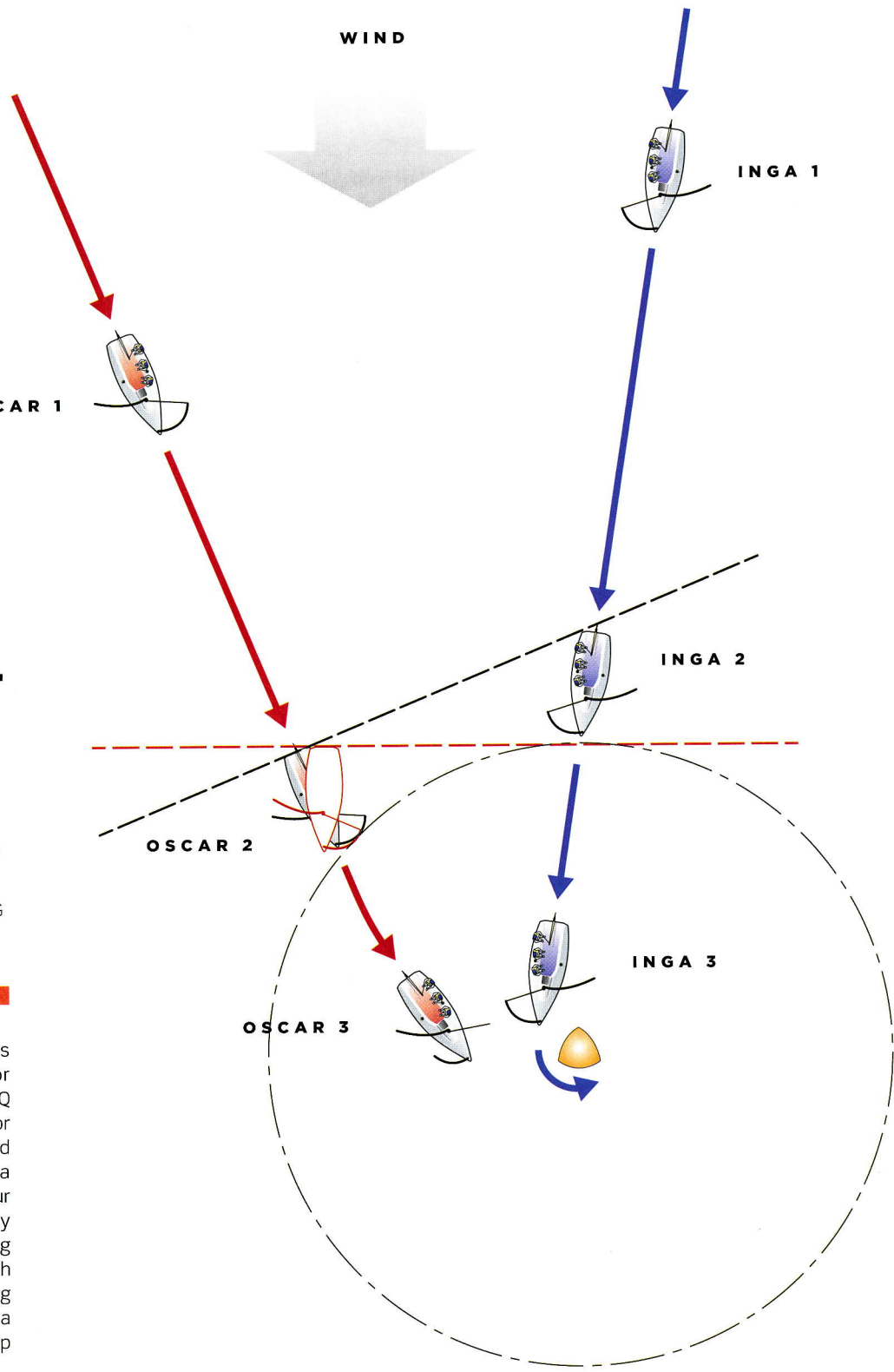


DIAGRAM 1

