

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule P4

A submission from the International Laser Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To widen the redress limitation to include other improper actions of the protest committee or its designated observer.

Proposal

Amend rule P4 as follows:

P4 Redress Limitation

A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the protest committee or its designated observer under rule P1 unless the action was improper due to a failure to take account of a race committee signal or a class rule **or the wrong boat is penalised.**

Current Position

If a breach of rule 42 is observed and the penalty is inadvertently given to another boat then P4 does not permit the boat to be given redress.

Reason

In the same way that judges occasionally fail to take account of a race committee signal or class rule it is also possible for the wrong boat to be penalised. This can happen in a large fleet when boats with similar sail numbers or country codes are sailing close to each other and where the judge boat has to manoeuvre in the fleet to signal the penalty. This change means that redress may be given for this error.
