

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 61.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To amend rule 61.2

Proposal

Amend rule 61.2 as follows:

61.2 Protest Contents

A protest shall be in writing and identify

- (a) the protestor and protestee;
- (b) the incident, including where and when it occurred;
- (c) any rule the protestor believes was broken; and
- (d) the name of the protestor's representative.

However, if the incident is identified, **the time and the place can be corrected before the hearing**. Requirement (a) may be met at any time before the hearing, and requirements (c) and (d) may be met before or during the hearing.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The current rule obliges a protest committee to declare a protest invalid if, for example, the protestor makes a mistake when writing the number of the race in which the incident happened. Also if the protestor states that the incident happened in leg 3 and it actually happened in leg 5 (both downwind legs). Even if during the validity process the parties acknowledge that it was a mistake and agree when and where the incident happened, the rule does not allow the protest committee to continue with the hearing.
 2. The proposed change will permit the 'when' and 'where' requirements to be corrected when the details written in the protest were not correct.
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