

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 60.4

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

RRS 60.4 states what rules the Technical Committee shall protest for. Many of these part 4 rules deal with actions or non-actions of a boat's crew on the water.

The purpose of this submission is to clearly state what rules the Technical Committee "shall" protest while maintaining the option for them to protest other rules.

Proposal

60.4 A technical committee may

- (a) protest a boat, but not as a result of information arising from a request for redress or an invalid *protest*, or from a report from a person with a *conflict of interest* other than the representative of the boat herself. However, it shall protest a boat if it decides that

(1) a boat has broken a rule 43 of Part 4, ~~but not rules 41, 42, 44 and 46~~, or

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Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. Rule 43 – Competitor Clothing and Equipment is the only rule that does not arise from actions of the boat while racing. It should be mandatory for the Technical Committee to protest for a breach of this rule.
 2. The Technical Committee should not be required to protest other Part 4 rules. The proposal still allows the Technical Committee to protest these other rules but is not mandatory.
 3. This brings the Technical Committee in line with the protest requirements of the Race Committee and the Protest Committee, while keeping the class rule and rule 43 breaches mandatory to protest.
 4. Provides a practical rule when a Technical Committee, Race Committee, Umpires, and even Judges observing are on the water.
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