

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 60.1

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To apply the same criteria to protests for breaking rule 31 as for Part 2 rules.

Proposal

60.1 A boat may

- (a) protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 **or rule 31** unless she was involved in or saw the incident; or
- (b) request redress.

[No change to the rest of rule 60]

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

There have been a few protests for breaking rule 31 based on hearsay evidence from another boat who saw the alleged breach. If the boat that saw the alleged breach decided not to protest, it is undesirable to allow another, who may have learned about it in casual conversation after the race, to protest.

The proposal also aligns rule 60.1 with rule 44.1 so that both will apply to an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. In most cases this will allow the boat that may have broken rule 31, but was unaware of her breach, the opportunity to exonerate herself in accordance with rule 44.
