

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule F2.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To provide a time limit for an appeal by a party to a hearing when the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65.1 or rule 65.2.

#### Proposal

**F2.1** No later than 15 days after receiving the protest committee's written decision or its decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the protest committee's decision to the national authority. **A party that appeals when the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65 shall send her appeal within a reasonable time after the hearing.** The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

Rule 70.1 permits a party to a hearing to appeal based on the protest committee's procedures, and current rule F2.1 establishes a time limit by which such an appeal must be sent. However, if the protest committee fails to inform a party of its decision, as required by rule 65.1, or to provide a party with a written decision, when required to do so by rule 65.2, current rule F2.1 provides no guidance to the party on when she must send her appeal. The proposed addition to rule F2.1 would provide such guidance.

Note: There is a related submission from the RYA that also proposes a change in rule F2.1. If both this submission and the related RYA submission are accepted, then it is suggested that the Racing Rules Working Party be asked to revise rule F2.1 to incorporate the proposals in both of these submissions.

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