

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 60

A submission from the Chairmen of Constitution Committee, Racing Rules Committee and Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify that rules 5, 6 and 69 currently are not subject to protest and to provide for any similar future rules.

Proposal

Adopt either Alternative 1, Alternative 2 or Alternative 3 below.

Alternative 1

Amend rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a), 60.3(a) as follows:

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 **for an alleged breach of a rule that prohibits a protest**, or

60.2 A race 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 an *interested party* other than the representative of the boat herself, **or for an alleged breach of a rule that prohibits a protest**, or

60.3 A protest 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 an *interested party* other than the representative of the boat herself, or **for an alleged breach of a rule that prohibits a protest**. However, it may protest a boat

Alternative 2

Add new rule 60.4:

60.4 However, neither a boat nor a race committee nor a protest committee may protest for an alleged breach of a rule that prohibits a protest.

Alternative 3

Add new rule 60.4:

60.4 However, neither a boat nor a race committee nor a protest committee may protest for an alleged breach of rule 5, 6 or 69.

Current Position

For Alternative 1, as above. For Alternatives 2 and 3, none – proposed rule 60.4 is new.

Reasons

1. There is a deficiency in the current rule that creates a conflict between this rule and rules 5 and 6 regarding the right of protest.
 2. In the new proposed rule 69, the right to protest is specifically denied and this proposal further clarifies that action under rule 69 is not a protest. This is important as a protest committee is otherwise required by rule 63.1 to hear the allegation, which may not warrant such action.
 3. All three alternatives make it clear that neither a boat nor the race committee nor the protest committee may protest under rule 5, 6 or 69.
 4. Alternatives 1 and 2 are worded so that a sailing instruction that frequently denies the right of protest by a boat, such as in current RRS Appendix L 16.6 will no longer be required to change this rule to be valid. This is important as it is not good for sailing instructions to change procedural rules.
 5. Alternatives 1 and 2 will also permit future rules that do not permit protests to be introduced without the need to change rule 60. However, Alternatives 1 and 2 have the disadvantage that they will add a new extra step for anyone making a protest. That is, whenever a boat, a race committee or a protest committee protests, it will have to check that a protest is permitted by the rule it alleges to have been broken. Alternative 3 will not require that extra step.
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