

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule B5.62

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To remove a problem in current rule B5.62.

Proposal

Make either the change proposed in Alternative A or the change proposed in Alternative B.

Alternative A

Amend rule B5.62 as follows:

B5.62 REDRESS

Add new rule 62.1(e):

- (e) *capsizing* because of the action of a board that was breaking a rule of Part 2 **and was taking a penalty according to rule B4.44.1 or was penalized.**

Alternative B

Amend rule B5.62 as follows:

B5.62 REDRESS

Rule 62.1(b) is changed to:

- (b) injury or physical damage **or capsize** because of the action of a board that was breaking a rule of Part 2 **and was taking a penalty according to rule B4.44.1 or was penalized,** or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear.

~~Add new rule 62.1(e):~~

- ~~(e) *capsizing* because of the action of a board that was breaking a rule of Part 2.~~

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The current rule allows redress without protesting another board, when that board was breaking a rule of Part 2. The rule does not require protesting another board but allows them
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to be invited as a witness. Sometimes a board that broke a rule is not invited even as witness, but other boards who were not involved to the incident will give evidence.

2. The current situation is conflicting with the fundamental principle of sportsmanship, which is stating that a competitor who broke a rule will promptly take a penalty.