

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule P1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose

To require that a member of the protest committee or its designated observer acting under rule P1 not be an interested party.

#### Proposal

1. Change rule P1 as follows:

**P1 OBSERVERS AND PROCEDURE ~~SIGNALLING A PENALTY~~**

**P1.1** **The protest committee may appoint observers, including protest committee members, to act in accordance with rule P1.2. An observer shall not be an interested party.**

**P1.2** **An observer appointed under rule P1.1** ~~A member of the protest committee or its designated observer~~ who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under rule 42 for the same incident.

2. In rules P2.1, P3 and P4, change 'rule P1' to 'rule P1.2'.

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reason

Under the current rules of Appendix P, there is no restriction on who may act under rule P1. Obviously, such a person, who has the authority to penalize boats without a hearing, should not be an interested party.

If the definition Interested Party is replaced by a definition of Conflict of Interest, then the proposed rule should be changed by replacing 'an *interested party*' with 'a person who has a *conflict of interest*'.

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