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Situation

An incident occurred just after the start between boat A and boat B. Boat A protested boat B and displayed her red flag as required by rule 61.1(a). Later on the same leg another incident occurred, this time between boat A and boat C. Boat A protested boat C and the red flag was still flying on boat A.

Question

What action should boat A take with regard to the flag? Should she lower the flag and hoist it again or should she indicate to boat C that the red flag is flying?

<u>Answer</u>

No further action is required by boat A in regard to the protest flag. Rule 61.1(a) requires a red flag to be conspicuously displayed. As the flag is already conspicuously displayed after the first incident, boat A fulfils this requirement.