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Situation

In an event a boat lodged a request for redress within the protest time limit. The request for redress had no description nor any words or pictures/scribbles describing what the request was about. The request identified the class, the race number and stated: 'at the start of race 9'.

Rule 60.1 distinguishes between a protest and a request for redress. According to rule 61.2 a protest shall be in writing and identify the incident. According to rule 62.2, a request for redress shall be in writing, but there is no requirement to identify the incident.

Question 1

Is the above request a valid request for redress?

Answer 1

No.

Question 2

Shall a request for redress identify what the request is about?

Answer 2

Yes. In order for a request for redress to be considered valid, it shall contain the basis of the boat's claim.

Rule 62.1 makes it clear that a request for redress shall be based on a claim that a boat's scoring has been made significantly worse through no fault of her own. Rule 62.2 confirms that the request has to be in writing.