

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a)

A submission from US Sailing

Proposal:

1. Reword rule 60.2(a) as follows:

60.2 A race committee may

- (a) protest a boat, but not as a result of a report from an *interested party*, **or as a result of** ~~or information arising from in an invalid protest or in~~ a request for redress **or an invalid protest**;

2. Reword rule 60.3(a) as follows:

60.3 A protest committee may

- (a) protest a boat, but not as a result of a report from an *interested party*, **or as a result of** ~~or information arising from in an invalid protest or in~~ a request for redress **or an invalid protest**. However, it may protest a boat

Current Position:

As above.

Reason:

Protests by the protest committee or the race committee should not be based on information that the committee obtained while hearing a request for redress or an invalid protest. The current wording of rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a) can be read narrowly to prohibit only a protest by the protest committee or the race committee based on information included in a written request or in a written protest that is found to be invalid. The proposed wording would continue to prohibit such protests, but also those based on information obtained during the hearing of such a request or protest. Reversing the order of 'a request for redress' and 'an invalid protest' makes rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a) less ambiguous and more readable.