Racing Rules of Sailing

Definition Party and Rule 64.4(b)

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the rights of a boat called for a hearing under rule 60.3(d) and who may be penalised under rule 64.4(b).

Proposal 1

Party A party to a hearing is

(e) a support person or boat subject to a hearing under rule 60.3(d).

Proposal 2

64.4 Decisions Concerning Support Persons

(b) The protest committee may also penalize a competitor for the breach of a rule by a support person by changing the boat’s score in a single race, up to and including DSQ, when the protest committee decides that

(1) the competitor may have gained a competitive advantage as the result of the breach by the support person, or

(2) the support person commits a further breach after the competitor has been warned by the protest committee that a penalty may be imposed.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The rights of a boat/competitor that is called for a hearing about a breach of a rule by its support person are not clear. Proposal 1 clarifies that a boat in such circumstances has the rights of a party.

2. The current version of rule 64.4(b) uses both ‘boat’ and ‘competitor’ which makes it unclear who is penalised. Proposal 2 clarifies that the penalty is on the boat.