Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 67

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

Delete Rule 67:

**67 RULE 42 AND HEARING REQUIREMENT**

When so stated in the sailing instructions, the protest committee may penalize without a hearing a boat that has broken rule 42, provided that a member of the committee or its designated observer has seen the incident, and a disqualification under this rule shall not be excluded from the boat’s series score. A boat so penalized shall be informed by notification in the race results.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Following the significant revision of Appendix P in the RRS 2009-2012, there is little difference in procedure between rule 67 and rule P1. A sailing instruction is required to use either rule. Thus rule 67 is redundant.

Rule P2 allows a boat to take a turns penalty for her first infringement but rule 67 enforces an immediate DNE penalty which, in most events, is unnecessarily harsh. All or part of Appendix P (for example see rule L14.4) can be implemented at any event and the appendix provides a more equitable basis for rule 42 infringements. If a race committee wishes to have either harsher or more lenient penalties, rule P2 can be modified by sailing instructions. Appendix P also addresses postponement, general recall, abandonment and redress; these matters are not addressed in rule 67.