

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 69.2(e)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To make rule 69.2(e) consistent with current practice in rule 69 hearings.

Proposal

Change rule 69.2(e) as shown below:

69.2 Action by a Protest Committee

- (e) If the protest committee decides to call a hearing, it shall promptly inform the person in writing of the alleged breach and of the time and place of the hearing and follow the procedures in rules 63.2, 63.3(a), 63.4, ~~and 63.6,~~ **65.1, 65.2 and 66** except that: *[No further change]*

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Rule 69 hearings are unusual and differ in several respects from protest or redress hearings. Most local and national judges will only conduct one or, at most, a handful of rule 69 hearings over their lifetime. They should be able to look to rule 69.2 to tell them which Section B rules apply in such a hearing. The list of rules in rule 69.2(e) appears to be a list of all the rules of Section B of Part 5 that apply to a rule 69 hearing. However, that list does not include rules 65.1, 65.2 and 66, and those three rules should apply to a rule 69 hearing just as they would to a protest or redress hearing. If this proposal is approved, it will be clear that rules 65.1 and 65.2, which state the procedure to be followed at end of a hearing, and rule 66, which enables a hearing to be reopened under specified circumstances, apply to rule 69 hearings.