

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule 69.2(f)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose

To make rule 69.2(f) apply when a person alleged to have broken rule 69 is able to attend the hearing, but refuses to do so. Also, to clarify rule 69.2(f).

#### Proposal

Change rule 69.2(f) as follows:

- (f) If the person ~~is unable to attend the hearing and~~
  - (1) provides good reason **why he cannot come to the hearing at the scheduled time**, the protest committee shall reschedule it; or
  - (2) does not provide good reason and does not come to **the hearing** ~~it~~, the protest committee may conduct it without the person present.

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reason

The current rule does not cover the following situation: A person has been informed in writing that he is alleged to have broken rule 69 and that a hearing will be held at a specified time and place. The person is at the event venue and is able to attend the hearing, but refuses to do so. How should the protest committee proceed? Current rule 69.2(f) does not help because it only applies if the person is 'unable' to attend the hearing. The proposal makes it clear that, in the situation described above, the protest committee may conduct the hearing without the person present.

The proposed rule uses a sentence structure that should make it easier for readers to follow.