Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 62.1

A submission from US Sailing

Purpose

To correct an unintended flaw in rule 62.1.

Proposal

Amend rule 62.1 as follows:

62.1 A request for redress or a protest committee's decision to consider redress shall be based on a claim or possibility that a boat's score or place in a race or series has been or may be, through no fault of her own, made significantly worse by [no further changes].

Current Position

As above.

Reason

A boat’s place in a race or series could be made significantly worse by action that does not change her score but changes the scores of other boats. Also, a boat’s place in a series could be made worse because the race committee made an error in breaking a series-score tie. The current language could be interpreted to mean that, if a boat’s score does not change, her score cannot be ‘worse’, and therefore she is not entitled to redress. The intent is that redress should be possible when a boat’s position relative to other boats is negatively impacted whether or not her own score actually changes. The proposal conforms rule 62.1 to current practice and the intent of the rule.