Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 63.4

A submission from the Swedish Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

In RRS 63.4, a member of a protest committee who is an interested party shall not take part in a hearing except as a witness. In RRS appendix P1, a member of the protest committee or its designated observer may signal penalties for breaking rule 42, Propulsion. These penalties can only be considered for redress under very limited conditions and there is no reference to interested party in appendix P.

Proposal

Amend rule 63.4 by adding the following sentence:

63.4 Interested Party

A member of the protest committee who is an interested party shall not take any further part in the hearing but may appear as a witness. Protest committee members must declare any possible self-interest as soon as they are aware of it. A party to a hearing who believes a member of the protest committee is an interested party shall object as soon as possible. An observer or a member of a protest committee acting under rule P1 shall not be an interested party.

Current Position

As above.

There is no restriction who may act under rule P1 and in unfortunate circumstances that person can be an interested party as per the definition.

Reason

Persons qualifying as interested parties should not be able to give on water penalties.