Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 66, Appendix L16.7

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To move a common and often used concept in the sailing instructions to the main body of the rule book.

Proposal

1. Change RRS 66 to:

   66 REOPENING A HEARING

   The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. It shall reopen a hearing when required by the national authority under rule 71.2 or R5. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered

   (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

   (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision on that day.

   When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

2. Delete rule L16.7

Current Position

As shown above.

Reason

Appendix L 16.7 is almost universally applied at events, either as written, or modified to apply to one day events. This proposal will make the requirement universal and in the main body of rules. Sailing instructions will be shortened and simplified.