Racing Rules of Sailing

Introduction – Terminology – Definition Boat

A submission from the Federacion Venezolana de Vela

Purpose or Objective

To correct an unintended consequence created by the definition of ‘Boat’ in the Terminology paragraph of the Introduction.

Proposal

Terminology A term used in the sense stated in the Definitions is printed in italics or, in preambles, in bold italics (for example, racing and racing). ‘Racing rule’ means a rule in The Racing Rules of Sailing. ‘Boat’ means a sailboat entered in a race and the crew on board; ‘vessel’ means any boat or ship. ‘Race committee’ includes any person or committee performing a race committee function. A ‘change’ to a rule includes an addition to it or deletion of all or part of it. ‘National authority’ means an ISAF member national authority. Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. If a parent or coach of a competitor is observing a race while on-board a sailboat, they may, according to the definition of ‘Boat’ in the Terminology, protest a racing boat (see rule 60.1(a)).

2. Moreover, according to rule 60.1 a parent or coach on-board a sailboat may protest a racing boat for a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 if they saw the incident and, if the breach has nothing to do with a Part 2 rule or rule 31, they don’t even have to have seen the incident themselves for them to protest.

3. These are undesirable and, we presume, unintended consequences of the current definition of ‘Boat’. The proposal removes the possibility of such unintended protests.