Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 91

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To make a change in rule 91 that is needed because of the addition in 2013 of a new sentence at the end of rule 71.2.

Proposal

Amend rule 91 as follows:

91   PROTEST COMMITTEE

A protest committee shall be

(a)   a committee appointed by the organizing authority or race committee;

(b)   an international jury appointed by the organizing authority or as prescribed in the ISAF regulations. It shall be composed as required by rule N1 and have the authority and responsibilities stated in rule N2. A national authority may prescribe that its approval is required for the appointment of international juries for races within its jurisdiction, except ISAF events or when international juries are appointed by the ISAF under rule 89.2(b);

(c)   a committee appointed by the national authority under rule 71.2.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The last sentence of rule 71.2 states, ‘When the national authority decides that there shall be a new hearing, it may appoint the protest committee.’ It was added to rule 71.2 in 2013. The sentence allows the national authority to appoint the protest committee when the national authority decides, following an appeal, to return a protest or request for redress for a new hearing. Current rule 91 does not permit the appointment of a protest committee by a national authority. Under the proposal, rule 91 would permit such an appointment.

2. Note that there is another submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee proposing changes in rule 71. If that submission is accepted, it would be necessary to make two small changes in proposed rule 91(c): change ‘national authority’ to ‘appeals committee’ and change ‘71.2’ to ‘71.3’.