Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule B5.62.1(e)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective
To amend the rule B5.62.1(e).

Proposal
Amend rule B5.62 as follows:

B5.62 REDRESS
Add new rule 62.1(e):
(e) capsizing because of the action of a board that was breaking a rule of Part 2 and was taking a penalty according to rule B4.44.1 or was penalized.

Current Position
As above.

Reasons
1. The current rule allows redress without protesting another board, when that board was breaking a rule of Part 2. The rule does not require protesting another board but allows them to be invited as a witness. Sometimes a board that broke a rule is not invited even as witness, but other boards who were not involved to the incident will give evidence.

2. The current situation is conflicting with the fundamental principle of sportsmanship, which is stating that a competitor who broke a rule will promptly take a penalty.