Racing Rules of Sailing

Part 5

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To bring some of Part 5 up to date with current practices.

Proposal 1

Insert a preamble to Part 5

For hearings conducted under Part 5, the term ‘Initiator’ refers to a protestor, a boat requesting redress, a body requesting redress for a boat, a boat asking for a reopening of a previous hearing, a person reporting a support person or a person making an allegation of misconduct. The term ‘Respondent’ refers to the party to a hearing against whom an allegation is made, or in the case of redress, the body alleged to have made an improper action or omission.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

These terms now appear on the approved hearing request form but will benefit from this explanation.

Proposal 2

Add new rule 60.1(c) as follows:

(c) report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 60.3(d) or 69.2(b)

Change rule 60.2 as follows:

(c) report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 60.3(d) or 69.2(b).

Change rule 60.4 as follows:

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Reasons

These changes make it clear that boats may report alleged misconduct (and not protest) and a race committee or technical committee may report a breach by a support person.

Proposal 3

Change rule 63.2, rule 63.3(b) and 63.8 as follows:

63.2 Time and Place of the Hearing; Time for Parties to Prepare

All parties to the hearing shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing, the protest, redress information or the allegations of a breach shall be made available to them, and they shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

63.3 Right to be Present

(b) If a party to the hearing of a protest or request for redress does not come to the hearing, the protest committee may nevertheless decide the case protest or request. If the party was unavoidably absent, the committee may reopen the hearing.

63.8 Protests Between Boats in Different Races Hearings Involving Parties in Different Races

A protest hearing involving parties boats sailing in different races conducted by different organizing authorities shall be heard by a protest committee acceptable to those authorities.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

To bring hearings under 60.3(d) Support Persons into line with other hearings.