Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 61.1(a)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To change Rule 61.1(a).

Proposal

Change rule 61.1(a) as follows:

61.1 Informing the Protestee

(a) A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing. However,

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. There are some breaches that it is not possible to be involved in or see on the water. For instance, a boat does not break a class rule until she is racing, but then it might be something other boats are aware of, but cannot see. Note that this change does not affect rule 60.1(a) in any way, and this rule actually makes these words in 61.1(a) redundant anyway.

2. Note: There will be consequential changes needed in Appendices if this submission is approved.