Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 64.3

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Proposal

64 DECISIONS
64.1 Penalties and Exoneration

[no change]

64.2 Decisions on Redress

[no change]

64.3 Decisions on Measurement-Protests concerning Class Rules

(a) When the protest committee finds that deviations in excess of tolerances specified in the class rules were caused by damage or normal wear and do not improve the performance of the boat, it shall not penalize her. However, the boat shall not race again until the deviations have been corrected, except when the protest committee decides there is or has been no reasonable opportunity to do so.

(b) When the protest committee is in doubt about the meaning of a measurement-class rule, it shall refer its questions, together with the relevant facts, to an authority responsible for interpreting the rule. In making its decision, the committee shall be bound by the reply of the authority.

(c) When a boat disqualified under a measurement-class rule states in writing that she intends to appeal, she may compete in subsequent races without changes to the boat, but shall be disqualified if she fails to appeal or the appeal is decided against her.

(d) Measurement costs arising from a protest involving a measurement-class rule shall be paid by the unsuccessful party unless the protest committee decides otherwise.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

A recent appeal about a rating rule has shown that this change is necessary. There should be no difference in protest procedure between measurement rules, rating rules and class rules which are all the same thing as explicitly stated in paragraph (d) in the RRS definition Rule.
For example, IRC is a rating rule. Under IRC boats are measured so it is also a measurement rule. The Organising Authority defines a class for IRC rated boats and invokes the IRC Rules. IRC Rules are therefore also class rules.