

Racing Rules of Sailing

New RRS 65.4

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify that protest committees may publish the information from a hearing

Proposal

Add new rule and renumber existing 64.3 to 64.4:

64.3 Unless there is good reason not to do so, after any hearing, including a hearing under rule 69, the protest committee may publish the information set out in rule 65.1. The protest committee may direct that the case is to be confidential to the parties.

Current Position

None

Reasons

1. Many protest committees are uncertain about the status of a hearing decision. While it is clear that the decision must be published to the extent that it affects scoring, it is not clear if all the facts found should be published beyond the parties to the hearing.
 2. Publishing this information can be very important. It permits competitors to understand the decision and may give them grounds for requesting redress.
 3. Full decisions can be very useful for training and education of both competitors and officials. It may be that it would be appropriate for the identity of the parties to be redacted in some circumstances.
 4. There are circumstances when publication is not appropriate, most often in cases involving minors or allegations of misconduct that are not upheld.
 5. This same proposal will be in another submission specifically for the purpose of data protection and that submission may be deemed urgent. This submission is made irrespective of that submission, as there are other important reasons beyond data protection for its inclusion in the RRS.
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