Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 70.3

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

70.3 An appeal under rule 70.1 or a request by a protest committee under rule 70.2 shall be sent to the national authority with which the organizing authority is associated under rule 89.1. However, if boats will pass through the waters of more than one national authority while racing, the sailing instructions shall identify the national authority to which appeals or requests may be sent.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

The proposal removes an ambiguity in the current rule. Under the current rule, if the organizing authority for a race is associated under rule 89.1 with the X Sailing Federation, if the race passes through the waters of both the X Sailing Federation and the Y Sailing Federation, and if the sailing instructions for the race state that appeals under rule 70.1 or requests under rule 70.2 “may” be sent to the Y Sailing Federation, then the rule does not serve its intended purpose, which is to inform competitors where they shall send their appeals. If ‘may’ is changed to ‘shall’, as proposed, the ambiguity is removed.