Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 91(b) and N2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

91 PROTEST COMMITTEE

A protest committee shall be

(a) a committee appointed by the organizing authority or race committee, or

(b) an international jury appointed by the organizing authority or as prescribed in the ISAF regulations and meeting the requirements of Appendix N. **It shall be composed as required by rule N1 and have the authority and responsibilities stated in rule N2.** A national authority may prescribe that its approval is required for the appointment of international juries for races within its jurisdiction, except ISAF events or when international juries are appointed by the ISAF under rule 89.2(b).

Delete Rule N2 and replace it with:

N2 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

An international jury shall have the authority and responsibilities for

(a) hearing and deciding all *protests* and requests for redress and acting on other matters that arise under the rules of Part 5;

(b) advising or assisting on matters that involve the conduct of the race or series when so requested by the organizing authority or the race committee; and

(c) resolving matters that might affect the fairness of the competition, such as a conflict between the rules in this book, the notice of race, the sailing instructions and other applicable *rules*, or other matters that involve the conduct of the race or series. In such cases the organizing authority or race committee shall act as directed by the jury.

Current Position

Rule 91 as above and current Rule N2

Reason

Rule 91(b) as revised would refer to Appendix N for its provisions concerning the composition of an international jury and, more importantly, the authority and responsibilities of the jury.

Proposed rule N2(c) calls for the jury to resolve matters that could adversely affect the fairness of the competition, permitting it to do so when the need becomes apparent and without the organizing
authority or race committee requesting such action. In some situations such requests might be made only after some delay, or not at all. Rule N2(c) addresses conflicts between documents in particular because they are not an uncommon occurrence. For example, the notice race or sailing instructions may conflict with the racing rules, or the sailing instructions may conflict with the class rules. It is important that such conflicts are resolved before racing begins and problems arise causing protests or requests for redress.