Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 66

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To clarify the procedure for deciding to reopen a hearing.

Proposal

Add new rule 66.2

Option 1

66.2 If a party requests a re-opening, the protest committee shall hear the party requesting it without the other party(ies) to the original hearing being present, unless the protest committee decides it is fair or convenient to invite the other party(ies) as well. If the protest committee decides to re-open on its own, without a request to do so, it may do so without conducting a hearing before making the decision to re-open

Option 2

66.2 If a party requests a re-opening, the protest committee shall invite hear all parties to the original hearing to be being present to decide whether the original hearing should be re-opened. If the protest committee decides to re-open on its own, without a request to do so, it may do so without conducting a hearing before making the decision to re-open.

Current Position

None.

Reasons

There is inconsistency in practice regarding the procedure to re-open, with divergent views as to whether it is a hearing, and who should be present. The proposed rule change seeks to write the most common current practice into the rule and avoid uncertainty in this regard.