Racing Rules of Sailing

Changes to Rule 69 and Definition “Party”

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Purpose or Objective

To correct an omission in the rules to provide for giving a boat an opportunity to be heard before it is penalized under rule 69 for misconduct by a member of the crew.

Proposal

1. Change rule 69.2(e) as follows:

   (e) If the protest committee decides to call a hearing, it shall promptly inform the person and the boat in writing of the alleged breach procedures in rules 63.2, 63.3(a), 63.4, and 63.6, 65.1, 65.2 and 66 except that: ....

2. Change rule 69.2(h)(2) as follow:

   (h) When the protest committee decides that a competitor or boat owner has broken rule 69.1(a), it may take one or more of the following actions
   (1) issue a warning;
   (2) change their boat’s score in one or more races, including disqualification(s) that may or may not be excluded from her series score if notice was given to the boat under rule 69.2(e) or the competitor is the person in charge or the owner of the boat;
   (3) exclude the person from the event or venue or remove any privileges or benefits; and
   (4) take any other action within its jurisdiction as provided by the rules.

3. Change the definition of party by adding (f):

   (f) a boat under rule 69.2(h)(2).

Current Position

As above

Reasons

The proposed change fixes a problem that a boat’s score is made worse without a hearing, where the competitor might be one crew member out of a larger number and the interests of the individual and the boat might not be aligned. The rule change limits the circumstances where the score of a boat can be made worse under rule 69 to those where the boat was given notice of a hearing and had an opportunity to execute her rights as a party to a hearing.