Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix D – New Rule D2.1(e)

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

D2 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

D2.1 Protests, Requests for Redress and Exoneration

(a) Rule 60.1(a) is changed to ‘protest another boat, but not for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2 unless she was involved in the incident or the incident involved contact between members of the other team; or’.

(b) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

(c) A boat that, while racing, may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 42 may take a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2.

(d) A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. She shall display the red flag until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire.

(e) The sailing instructions may state that rule D2.4(b) applies to all protests.

Current Position

As above

Reason

To require the display of a red flag at the time a request for redress arises.

The requirements for requesting redress are currently inconsistent. A boat requesting redress under rule D5.1 because of a breakdown must display a red flag, but a boat requesting redress for any other reason does not need to display a red flag. This proposal requires a boat to display a red flag for all redress claims.

If this proposal is accepted, rule D5.1 may need amending to avoid redundancy and to be consistent with this change.