

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 44.3(b) and 61.3

A submission from US Sailing

Purpose or Objective

To use consistent wording in all rules that refer to the protest time limit.

Proposal

Change the last sentence of rule 44.3(b) to:

If this is impracticable, she shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity and within the **protest** time limit ~~for protests~~.

Change the first sentence of rule 61.3 to:

A *protest* by a boat, or by the race committee or protest committee about an incident the committee observed in the racing area, shall be delivered to the race office within the **protest** time limit stated in the sailing instructions.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

The term 'protest time limit' is well understood. It is used in the title to rule 61.3, in rule 62.2, in SIs L16.2, L16.3 and L16.7, in paragraph M1 of Appendix M, and in the protest form. However, in rules 44.3(b) and 61.3, we currently use different words to refer to the protest time limit. The proposal will make the wording used to refer to the protest time limit the same throughout the rulebook.
