

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule M2.1

A submission from the Chairman of Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To make it clear that a protest committee may re-classify a hearing requested by a party and that an incorrect initial classification does not invalidate the request

#### Proposal

##### Option 1

Add to RRS M2.1 a new first bullet point.

- **The protest committee may reclassify, or add a classification to a request for a hearing as justified by the rules. An incorrectly classified request does not invalidate it. For example:**
  - **a party to a hearing may not request redress from that decision. Such a request should be re-classified as a request to re-open under RRS 66 and decided accordingly.**
  - **A party is not required to request redress at the same time as submitting a protest when redress might result.**

##### Option 2

To include such provision in RRS Part 5

#### Current Position

As above

#### Reasons

1. To ensure consistent practice around the world.
  2. To ensure that the protest committee are authorised by the rules to make such re-classifications. This may justify including the concept in the RRS themselves, rather than appendix M, as Option 2, but it may require significant restructuring of Part 5.
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