Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix D – Rule D2.4

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

D2.4 Additional Protest and Redress Rules When Races Are Umpired

(a) Neither the race committee nor the protest committee shall protest a boat for breaking a rule listed in rule D2.2(a). However, upon receipt of a report from any source, the protest committee may protest a boat

(1) upon receipt of a report from an umpire after a black flag has been displayed, or

(2) under rule 14 upon receipt of a report from any source alleging when damage or injury is alleged.

(b) [no change]

(c) [no change]

Current Position

As above

Reason

The last paragraph of rule D2.2(d) allows an umpire to report an incident to the protest committee when a red flag on-the-water penalty is not appropriate. Based on the report, the protest committee may protest the boat under rule 60.3(a). However, current rule D2.4(a) can be interpreted to prohibit a protest by the protest committee for a breach of a rule of Part 2. This proposal clarifies the rule.

For example, an umpire may use the black flag and then report a boat that breaks rule 23.1, which is a rule of Part 2. There is no means of penalising the boat except after a protest by the protest committee and then a hearing; rule D3.1(c)(2) specifically provides an appropriate penalty.