Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule M3.2

A submission from US SAILING

Purpose or Objective
To add additional guidance for hearings when a member of the protest committee has seen the incident that led to the hearing.

Proposal
Change paragraph 32, 7th Bullet Point as follows:

- Allow a member of the protest committee who saw the incident to give evidence (rule 63.6) but only in the presence of the parties. The member Members who give evidence may be questioned, should take care to relate all they know about the incident that could affect the decision, and may remain on the protest committee in the room (rule 63.3(a)).

Current Position
As above.

Reasons
A protest committee member who sees an incident and gives testimony as a witness has a responsibility to share his knowledge of the incident with the parties and the other members of the protest committee. Otherwise, the parties will not have the opportunity to question his facts and the other members of the protest committee will not have the same evidence with which to make a decision.

A companion submission proposes changes in rule 63.6.