

Racing Rules of Sailing

Equipment Inspection Committee - New Rule 60.4, Change of RRS Definitions Party, Protest, 60.2, 61.1(b) and 61.3 and Delete RRS 43.1(c) and 78.3

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Purpose or Objective

The purpose of this submission is to define the independent power of an equipment inspection committee to protest a boat and to remove the obligation to report a violation of measurement rules in writing to the race committee.

This proposal only applies when a definition of an equipment inspection committee is included in the RRS as proposed in a related submission to add new rule 92.

Proposal

1. Add new rule 60.4:

60.4 An equipment inspection committee may

- (a) protest a boat, but not as a result of information arising from a request for redress or an invalid protest, or from a report from an interested party other than the representative of the boat herself. However, it shall protest a boat**
 - (1) if it decides that a boat has broken a rule of Part 4 but not rules 41, 42, 44 and 46, or**
 - (2) if it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules;**
- (b) request redress for a boat; or**
- (c) report to the protest committee requesting action under rule 69.2(a).**

2. Amend Definition Party as follows:

- (b) for a request for redress: a boat requesting redress or for which redress is requested, a race committee acting under rule 60.2(b) **or an equipment inspection committee acting under rule 60.4(b);**

3. Amend Definition Protest as follows:

Protest An allegation made under rule 61.2 by a boat, a race committee, **equipment inspection committee** or a protest committee that a boat has broken a *rule*.

4. Delete rule 43.1(c).
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5. Amend rule 60.2 as follows:

~~However, when the race committee receives a report required by rule 43.1(e) or 78.3, it shall protest the boat.~~

6. Amend rule 61.1(b) as follows:

- (b) If the race committee, **equipment inspection committee** or protest committee intends to protest a boat concerning an incident the committee observed in the racing area, it shall inform her after the race within the time limit of rule 61.3. In other cases the committee shall inform the boat of its intention to protest as soon as reasonably possible.

7. Amend rule 61.3 as follows:

A protest by a boat, or by the race committee, **equipment inspection committee** or protest committee about an incident the committee observed in the racing area, shall be delivered to the race office within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions. If none is stated, the time limit is two hours after the last boat in the race finishes. Other race committee, **equipment inspection committee** or protest committee protests shall be delivered to the race office no later than two hours after the committee receives the relevant information. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

8. Delete rule 78.3.

Current Position

As above. Proposed rule 60.4 is a new rule.

Reasons

1. In a related submission it is proposed to allocate the task of equipment inspection or event measurement to an equipment inspection committee (this is equivalent to the allocation of the task of conducting races to a race committee or the task of dealing with protests and redress to a protest committee) and to define the appointment and task of such an equipment inspection committee in the RRS.
 2. In this related submission it is also proposed to refer in all cases to a committee instead of a person in charge of equipment inspection or event measurement and to replace all other terms in use for person(s) in charge of any form of equipment inspection or event measurement by only one term, the new defined term "equipment inspection committee".
 3. If the task of equipment inspection or event measurement is uniquely allocated to an equipment inspection committee the power to protest a boat that is not in compliance with the class rules or has broken a rule of part 4 can be transferred from the race committee to this equipment inspection committee.
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4. Assigning the power to protest a boat to an equipment inspection committee is equivalent to the allocation of the power to protest a boat to the race committee and protest committee as defined in RRS 60.2 and 60.3
 5. As the obligation to protest a boat that is not in compliance with the class rules or that has broken rule 43.1(a) or (b), is defined in proposed rule 60.4, both rule 43.1(c) and rule 78.3 can be deleted.
 6. The change in rule 60.2 is a housekeeping change made necessary by the addition of proposed rule 60.4 .
 7. The changes in the definitions "*Party*" and "*Protest*" and rule 61.1(b) and rule 61.3 are necessary changes to add the equipment inspection committee to the list of committees with the power to protest a boat and request redress.
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