Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix M

A submission from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

Adapt Appendix M3.2 to the procedure that is commonly used and recommended both in the IJ manual and in IJ seminars.

Proposal

Move the second bullet point of rule M3.2 to the second last bullet point as follows:

M3.2 Take the evidence (rule 63.6).

- Ask the protestor and then the protestee to tell their stories. Then allow them to question one another. In a redress matter, ask the party to state the request.
- Invite questions from protest committee members.
- Make sure you know what facts each party is alleging before calling any witnesses. Their stories may be different.
  
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- Ask one member of the committee to note down evidence, particularly times, distances, speeds, etc.
- Invite questions from protest committee members.
- Invite first the protestor and then the protestee to make a final statement of her case, particularly on any application or interpretation of the rules.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. The most common procedure in protest committees is that the protest committee members ask their questions after all the witnesses have been heard. This saves time as some questions that the protest committee members may want to ask could have been answered after the witnesses have been heard and questioned.

2. The proposal is consistent with the procedure recommended in the IJ manual and in IJ seminars.