Racing Rules of Sailing

New Rule X61.1(a)

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective

Include necessary changes to the new kiteboarding Appendix X that are currently not part of it.

Proposal

Amend the new kiteboarding course racing rules Appendix (Appendix X) as follows:

The first three sentences of rule 61.1(a) are replaced by

A kiteboard intending to protest shall inform the other kiteboard at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail ‘Protest’. She shall inform the race committee of her intention to protest as soon as practicable after she finishes or retires.

Delete the words ‘or saw’ in rule 60.1(a) and ‘or sees’ in rule 61.1(a).

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

The above changes refer to the structure of the new kiteboarding Appendix X (or letter as found appropriate by the Racing Rules Working party).

Sailing is a self-governing sport and this should put the load of playing fair on the ones directly involved. As such, there should be no possibility for a protest to be lodged from a third party (competitor who saw an incident) when the competitors involved in this incident don’t want to protest.