

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### RRS 61.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

Amend the rule 61.2 by defining when a hearing begins.

#### Proposal

##### **61.2 Protest Contents**

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However, if requirement (b) is met, requirement (a) may be met at any time before the hearing, and requirements (d) and (e) may be met before or during the hearing. Requirement (c) may also be met before or during the hearing, provided the protestee is allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. **A hearing begins when the protest committee starts taking any evidence (including evidence to decide the validity of the hearing request).**

#### Current Position

As above

#### Reasons

1. RRS 61.2 (Protest Contents) states that some requirements for a protest (to be valid) may be met before the hearing and some requirements during the hearing. Therefore, stating when exactly the hearing begins, will make the application of this rule consistent.
  2. Different protest committees already have decided differently when a hearing begins and therefore a possibly valid protest was considered as invalid.
  3. Having a rule which is stating when exactly a hearing begins, will avoid any inconsistent interpretation and application of RRS 61.2.
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