

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 61.3 and 62.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Clarify the time limit for when protests or requests for redress are required to be delivered to the race office.

Proposal 1:

Change the text of rule 61.3 as follows:

Protest Time Limit A *protest* by a boat, or by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee about an incident observed in the racing area, shall be delivered to the race office within the protest 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 *protests* shall be delivered to the race office no later than two hours after **the relevant information is made available to the protestor** ~~the protestor receives the relevant information~~. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

Proposal 2:

Change the text of rule 62.2 as follows:

A request shall be in writing and identify the reason for making it. If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, whichever is later. Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after **the relevant information** ~~learning of the reasons~~ for making the request **is made available**. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so. No red flag is required.

- (a) However, on the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Ignoring common actions associated with sailing should not be a reason to effectively extend a time limit to deliver a protest or request for redress.
 2. In a recent appeal, the event scores were posted on the electronic noticeboard as required by the notice of race and a boat chose to ignore reviewing the scores for three days. The current rule requires any request for redress to be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after the boat learned of the reasons, in this case, three days after they were published.
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3. If information that could lead to a protest or request for redress is known to be available, there should be an expectation for a boat to promptly review such information.
 4. Both rules in this submission still provide for the protest committee to extend the time if the protest committee believe there is a good reason to do so.
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