

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 66.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

A housekeeping change for consistency between the rules in the RRS that deal with reopening a hearing.

Proposal

Change rule 66.1 as shown:

66 REOPENING A HEARING

66.1 The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, ~~or~~ when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time or under rule 63.3(b) if a party to the hearing was unavoidably absent. It shall reopen a hearing when required by the national authority under rule 71.2 or R5.

[No further changes]

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. There are three rules in Parts 1-7 of the RRS and one in Appendix R that mention when a protest committee may reopen a hearing. They are rule 66, Reopening a Hearing, and rules 63.3(b), 71.2 and R5. If the proposed addition to rule 66.1 is made, then rule 66.1 will treat each of the three rules, rules 63.3(b), 71.2 and R5, in a consistent manner.
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