

Protest Hearing Procedures (2021-2024)

(Consult Appendix M and the World Sailing & US Judges Manual for more guidance.)

1. Before The Hearing (Parties Not Present)
 - a. Chair appoints, scribe, procedural judges & usher.
 - b. Protest hearing scheduled and posted? (M1, 63.2, Case 48)
 - c. Judge saw incident? (M2.2, 63.6(b))
 - d. Judge with *conflict of interest*? Assess conflict. (M2.3, 63.4, Case 137)
 - e. No Appeal PC or Int Jury properly constituted? (70.5, App N)
 - f. Contents; identifies incident? (61.2(b), 62.2, Case 22, 80, US 46, 65)
 - g. Could redress request affect other boats' score or place? Consider making them a *party*? (63.2+USRx, 64.3)
2. Hearing Preliminaries (Parties Present) (M2)
 - a. If available in the NoR or SIs offer the opportunity to take a post-race penalty to both parties. (Appendix T1)
 - b. This is an incident between [who] at [where] [when]. Correct?
 - c. Observers present, provide rules, policy on recordings, cannot be a witness. (63.3(a), Case 49)
 - d. Introduce PC & *parties*. Record the names of *parties*. Names of witnesses? (63.2)
 - e. Disclose if any member of PC saw the incident? (M2.2, 63.6(b))
 - f. Objection to PC member on grounds of *conflict of interest*? (63.4(c))
 - g. Each party has a copy of the protest? Had time to prepare? (M2.1, 63.2, Case 48)
 - h. One representative per boat (unless interpreter)? (M2.1, 63.3(a), Case 49)
 - i. Parties present? If not proceed under rule 63.3? (M2.1, 63.3(b))
 - j. "What was your position on board?" Must have been on board for Part 2, 3, or 4. (M2.1, 63.3(a))
 - k. Were any penalties taken?
 - l. Were there any injuries or damage? (61.1(a)(4))
3. Check the Validity of the *Protest* or Request for Redress. (Deliberate?) (M3.1, 63.5, Case 19, 22)
 - a. If relevant to validity of Part 2, 3 or 4 protests. Ask conditions at time of incident.
 - b. Contents; protestor & protestee identified? (61.2(a), Case 22, 80 or 62.2, Case 102)
 - c. Contents; if not already, identify where & when? (61.2(c), Case 22, 80 or 62.2, Case 102)
 - d. Was protest timely? Good reason to extend? (61.3 or 62.2, Case 102, 128, US 41, 90, 94)
 - e. Hail "Protest" at first reasonable opportunity? (61.1(a), US 61, 65, 122)
 - f. Red flag displayed (hull length \geq 6m) 1st reasonable opportunity? (61.1, Case 39, 72, 85, 104, US 66, 67, 82, 124)
 - g. If no hail/flag, injury/serious damage? protestee properly informed? (61.1(a)(3&4), Case 19, 112, 141, US 65,84)
 - h. Protestor involved in or saw incident? (required for part 2 or rule 31) (60.1(a), US 116)
4. If valid, Take Evidence from *parties* and witnesses. (M3.2, 63.6, Case 104, 136)
 - a. Take evidence of protestor, then take evidence of protestee or, Redress protestor states request.
 - b. Ask parties to describe the conditions, the incident and what they saw. (distinguish hearsay). (63.6(a))
 - c. Protestee questions protestor & vice versa. (63.6(c))
 - d. Witnesses (protestor's 1st); set the stage. "Tell us what you saw." (63.6(a))
 - e. Protestee questions protestor's witness first (and vice versa). (63.6(c))
 - f. PC questions witness.
 - g. PC questions protestor, then protestee. (M3.2)
 - h. Invite each party to give brief summation. (M3.2)
5. Deliberate. Excuse parties and deliberate. (Parties Not Present)
 - a. Scribe reads facts. PC agrees or amendments are made. (M3.3)
 - b. Scribe reads conclusions and decision. PC agrees or amendments are made. (M3.4)
 - c. Redress affects other boats' score or place? Is further evidence needed from affected boats? (M3.4, 64.3)
6. Inform the Parties. (M3.5, 65)
 - a. Recall parties and announce decision. (M3.5, 65.1)
 - b. Give any party a copy of the decision on request. (M3.5, 65.2)
 - c. Scoring changes to race committee. (5, 90.3(d), Case 66)
 - d. Post written decision on official notice board. (65.3)

Seconds to go One Hull Length

(based on the formula: distance = rate x time)

Speed kts	Distance	
	m/sec	ft/sec
1	0.5	1.7
2	1.0	3.4
3	1.5	5.1
4	2.1	6.8
5	2.6	8.4
6	3.1	10.1
7	3.6	11.8
8	4.1	13.5
9	4.6	15.2
10	5.1	16.9
11	5.7	18.6
12	6.2	20.3

LOH		Seconds to travel one hull length at x knots											
(m)	(ft)	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	14	16	20
2.4	8	4.7	2.4	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
3.0	10	5.9	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
3.7	12	7.1	3.6	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
4.3	14	8.3	4.1	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
4.9	16	9.5	4.7	3.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
5.5	18	10.7	5.3	3.6	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5
6.1	20	11.8	5.9	3.9	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6
6.7	22	13.0	6.5	4.3	3.3	2.6	2.2	1.6	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7
7.3	24	14.2	7.1	4.7	3.6	2.8	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7
7.9	26	15.4	7.7	5.1	3.9	3.1	2.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.8
8.5	28	16.6	8.3	5.5	4.1	3.3	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.8
9.1	30	17.8	8.9	5.9	4.4	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9
9.8	32	19.0	9.5	6.3	4.7	3.8	3.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.9
10.4	34	20.1	10.1	6.7	5.0	4.0	3.4	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.0
11.0	36	21.3	10.7	7.1	5.3	4.3	3.6	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.1
11.6	38	22.5	11.3	7.5	5.6	4.5	3.8	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1
12.2	40	23.7	11.8	7.9	5.9	4.7	3.9	3.0	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.2
13.7	45	26.7	13.3	8.9	6.7	5.3	4.4	3.3	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.3
15.2	50	29.6	14.8	9.9	7.4	5.9	4.9	3.7	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.5
16.8	55	32.6	16.3	10.9	8.1	6.5	5.4	4.1	3.3	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.6
18.3	60	35.5	17.8	11.8	8.9	7.1	5.9	4.4	3.6	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.8
19.8	65	38.5	19.3	12.8	9.6	7.7	6.4	4.8	3.9	3.2	2.8	2.4	1.9
21.3	70	41.5	20.7	13.8	10.4	8.3	6.9	5.2	4.1	3.5	3.0	2.6	2.1

Rule 14 Decision Tree

Follow the decision tree for each boat. Each WS Case that includes rule 14 is shown below, once for each boat. A **black case number** for the right-of-way boat, and a **red case number** for the keep clear boat.

