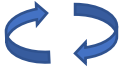


PROTEST PROCEDURE (BPI Subic Regatta, 3-6 April 2024) by Leonard Chin, WS International Judge

If you infringe a rule on the water

NoR 10.2 For all Classes, the Two Turns Penalty specified in RRS rule 44.1 applies. (Note: At the earliest opportunity, well clear of other boats the tack and gybe or gybe and tack to be carried out continuously)



1. If there is an incident on the water and you are aggrieved, you should do the following:
 - a. Promptly hail 'PROTEST' and loud enough that the other boat is able to hear you.
 - b. At the same time promptly fly a Protest Flag conspicuously (*Red flag and not a red shirt or red cap*) No point storing in the cabin and then requiring a crew to run in to bring to the deck as that would not be deemed as "promptly." Fly the red flag conspicuously above crew height (*especially if all your crew are wearing red shirts*) and typically on the backstay.
 - c. If the other boat takes a two-turns penalty, you may lower your red Protest Flag.
 - d. If the other boat does not carry out the penalty turns, or is beyond hailing range, keep the red flag flying continuously until you cross the finish line and try to bring to the attention of the Race Committee at the finish to witness the red flag flying. VHF call if necessary.
 - e. For boats who failed to sail the course or when your boat is damaged or a crew injured as a result of an incident, the requirement to hail "protest" and fly a red flag is waived but you must still inform the boat that you are protesting at the earliest practical opportunity and file a protest within the protest time limit.
 - f. You must file a protest within the time limit of your class which is a time given after the finish.
 - g. Whether or not you had any incident on water, it is wise to check the Official Notice Board (ONB) if there are any protest against your boat as there may be a protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee (RRS 61.1b).
2. At the end of protest time limit, the schedule of protests will be posted on the ONB. If parties are available earlier, the hearing may proceed ahead of schedule.
3. When you register and enter this regatta, your boat including its crew and support persons also agree to abide by RRS (RRS 3). A report can therefore be made against any crew or support person during the entire duration of the regatta for instances of misconduct, breach of good manners, unethical behavior, unfair sailing or bringing the sport to disrepute.

PROTEST!



PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

If you are not happy with your score, you may lodge a scoring inquiry.



If you are still not happy after the scoring enquiry, you may seek redress by filing a Redress form in the same manner as a Protest form. Redress may also be filed if your score is significantly affected through no fault of your own as an example, serious damage from an incident, errors of the RC, helping another boat in distress etc.



Figure 1 If a small red flag is flown on the stanchion or lifeline especially when crew members are wearing red, it does not satisfy the requirements of a protest flag that it is conspicuously displayed.



Figure 2 For most keelboats the protest flag should at least be about 30cm x 30cm or larger and flown on the backstay conspicuously. A red T shirt, Cap or glove does not meet the description of a red protest flag.

Protest instructions specific to the BPI Subic Regatta:

- 15.1 A boat that wishes to protest or seek redress for an incident occurring whilst racing shall advise the Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 or by telephone to the Race Office no later than 15 minutes after finishing or retiring
- 15.2 Protest Forms are available at the Race Office and on the Racing Rules of Sailing Event Site https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=8188
- 15.3 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the protesting boat's class finishes the last race scheduled for the day.



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QR codes are also available on page 9 of the Sailing Instructions.