

PROTESTING



Figure 1 Starboard right of way boat protesting with an immediate hail of “PROTEST” and also immediately displaying a red flag flown conspicuously (typically at the backstay)

IF YOU ARE AGGRIEVED BECAUSE OF AN INCIDENT ON WATER, AND YOUR BOAT IS GREATER THAN 6 METERS, THE PROTEST PROCEDURE ACCORDING TO RRS61.1 IS DESCRIBED BELOW.

THE PROTEST IS INVALID IF NOT CARRIED OUT AS DESCRIBED.

- AT THE FIRST REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY, NORMALLY IMMEDIATELY, HAIL **“PROTEST!”** (AND NOT SOME OTHER WORDS OR STATEMENT OF UNHAPPINESS)
- AT THE FIRST REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY “CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAY A **RED FLAG** (NOT A RED SHIRT, RED GLOVE OR SOME OTHER RED OBJECT)....DO THIS IMMEDIATELY AND NOT GO DOWN TO THE CABIN AND SEARCH FOR A RED FLAG AND DISPLAY IT MINUTES LATER.”
- KEEP THE FLAG FLYING UNTIL YOU HAVE CROSSED THE FINISH LINE AND NO LONGER RACING. BETTER STILL, ALERT THE FINISH VESSEL YOU HAVE A RED FLAG FLYING.
- IF THE OTHER PARTY EXONERATES HERSELF WITH A ONE TURN PENALTY (S113.1 SAYS ONE, NOT TWO), YOU MAY LOWER THE RED FLAG AS THE INCIDENT IS CLOSED (OR LEAVE IT DISPLAYED IF YOU DO NOT THINK SO).
- FILE YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITHIN THE PROTEST TIME LIMIT OF YOUR CLASS.

SUMMARY:

1. IMMEDIATELY HAIL 'PROTEST'
2. IMMEDIATELY DISPLAY RED FLAG, LEAVE FLYING UNTIL YOU CROSS THE FINISH LINE.
3. FILL HEARING REQUEST FORM AND SUBMIT WITHIN THE PROTEST TIME LIMIT OF YOUR CLASS.

The protest contents should have a) Protestor and Protestee b) the incident c) where and when the incident occurred d) any rule the protestor believes was broken e) the name of the protestor's representative.

See RRS 61.2 for details.

Go to this link https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=5263 or scan the QR code shown below to fill the request online.



Submit Request for Hearing

RACING RULES OF SAILING

RULE 61. PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

- **61.1. Informing the Protestee**
 - a. The protesting boat shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* will concern an incident in the racing area she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer *racing*. However,
 - 1. if the other boat is beyond hailing distance, the protesting boat need not hail but she shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity;
 - 2. if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag;
 - 3. if the incident was an error by the other boat in *sailing the course*, she need not hail or display a red flag but she shall inform the other boat either before or at the first reasonable opportunity after the other boat *finishes*;
 - 4. if at the time of the incident it is obvious to the protesting boat that a member of either crew is in danger, or that injury or serious damage resulted, the requirements of this rule do not apply to her, but she shall attempt to inform the other boat within the time limit of rule [61.3](#).
 - b. If the race committee, technical committee or protest committee intends to protest a boat concerning an incident the committee observed in the racing area, it shall inform her after the race within the time limit of rule [61.3](#). In other cases the committee shall inform the boat of its intention to protest as soon as reasonably possible. A notice posted on the official notice board within the appropriate time limit satisfies this requirement.
 - c. If the protest committee decides to protest a boat under rule [60.3\(a\)\(2\)](#), it shall inform her as soon as reasonably possible, close the current hearing, proceed as required by rules [61.2](#) and [63](#), and hear the original and the new protests together.