

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 62.2 and 66

A submission from the Chairman of Race Officials Committee

Purpose or Objective

To include into the racing rules the widely used change of time limits for requests for redress and reopening on the last scheduled day of racing in a regatta.

Proposal 1

62.2 A request shall be in writing and identify the reasons for making it. **No red flag is required.**

(a) 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.

(b) Other requests shall be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request.

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

The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so. ~~No red flag is required.~~

Current Position 1

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Proposal 2

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(a) A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.

(b) On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(1) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or

(2) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

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Reasons 1 and 2

1. The Sailing Instructions for most races and regattas include from RRS Appendix L, Sailing Instructions Guide, paragraph 16.7 decreasing the time limit for requests for reopening a hearing and paragraph 16.8, decreasing the time limit for requests for redress based on a protest committee decision. These sailing instructions modify RRS 66 and 62.2, respectively.
 2. By putting these decreased time limits within the rules themselves, there would be no need for race officers to write these additional paragraphs in the sailing instructions for each event.
 3. Putting these clauses into the respective rules would provide further consistency in time limits for such requests across all racing, making it easier for competitors to recall these reduced time limits.
 4. Events may change these clauses in their sailing instructions if different time limits are desired.
 5. Reducing the amount of information in sailing instructions is desirable to decrease the work of writing sailing instructions, to decrease the amount of additional reading for competitors at each event, and to save ink and for environmental considerations with printing costs.
 6. The reorganization of each rule into separate subsections makes the components of each rule easier to read.
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