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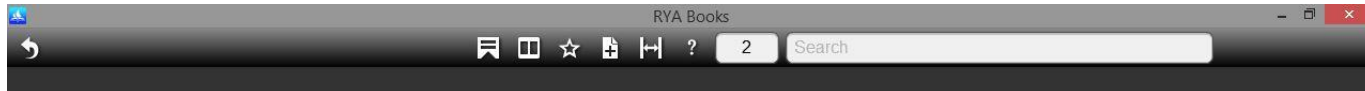
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RYA DECISION

Choose hearing type

Protest / Request Number:

Event: Race Number:

Hearing Date: Heard Jointly with Number:

BEFORE THE START OF THE HEARING

An exoneration penalty - Choose from list. list boat names/numbers
Withdrawal - Choose from list. When withdrawal is requested, list the decision, parties and reasons for request and decision below
Arbitration - Choose from List. The hearing will be - Choose from list. list parties that decline arbitration below

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Parties present - Choose from list
list parties not present
Hearing will continue: Choose from list
Parties protesting or requesting / being considered for redress or reopening represented by: list names and parties represented
Parties being protested / alleged to have made an improper act or omission represented by: list names and parties represented
Witness(es): list names, boat number, party called by
Interpreter(s) list names, boats represented

VALIDITY

Objections - Choose from list
Time Limit - Choose from list
Incident is identified - Choose from list
Hail - Choose from list
Red Flag - Choose from list
DECISION ON VALIDITY - Choose from list

FACTS FOUND State what happened

Diagram - Choose from list

RULES THAT APPLY AND CONCLUSIONS

DECISION

Choose from list, then detail applicable penalties and/or redress given below

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired by Date and time:
Other protest committee members
Written decision - choose from list - list parties requesting written decision and dates transmitted below

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RULES DISPUTES

INTRODUCTION

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- (a) an Exonerated Penalty, which is less severe than disqualification, and is available after racing for many infringements; and
- (b) an Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration, two alternative ways of resolving disputes.

EXONERATION PENALTY

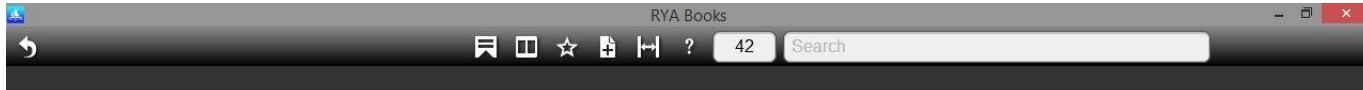
- The exonerated penalty is a 30% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) (except that the minimum penalty is four places provided that does not result in a score worse than DNF). However, this can be varied in the sailing instructions according to the level of the event, number of competitors or size of fleet. For example, a 40% scoring penalty may be more appropriate at an Open Meeting or a National Championship
- It may be accepted after finishing and before the start of any protest hearing
- When it is accepted, a protest committee cannot penalise that boat further over the same incident
- Once accepted, it cannot be withdrawn even if a protest committee later decides no rule was broken
- It is available for breaches of the rules of Part 2 (rules 10-24) and of rule 31, if a penalty could have been taken for the infringement at the time of the incident.

PUTTING THE EXONERATION PENALTY INTO EFFECT

Adopting the Exonerated Penalty does not need either the Advisory Hearing or RYA Arbitration to be adopted, but the Exonerated Penalty is an essential part of RYA Arbitration. It may be decided that making the Exonerated Penalty available for a boat to accept will be sufficient. However, the use of one or both of the two alternative methods for resolving disputes is recommended, and can be stated to apply in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions. They are:

1. AN ADVISORY HEARING

Its purpose is to discuss incidents with an adviser and resolve them promptly in an informal but positive way, so that competitors understand the rules better. It is available only where there is no injury, serious damage, related protest or RYA Arbitration.



RYA DECISION
Choose hearing type

Protest / Request Number: _____

Event: _____ Race Number: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Heard Jointly with Number: _____

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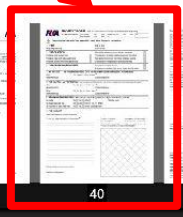
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Parties present - Choose from list
list parties not present
Hearing will continue: Choose from list
Parties protesting or requesting / being considered for redress or requesting redress: list names and parties represented
Parties being protested / alleged to have made an improper act or omission represented by: list names and parties represented
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FACTS FOUND State what happened
Choose from list. When decision is made, describe penalties and/or redress given below

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Other protest committee members: _____
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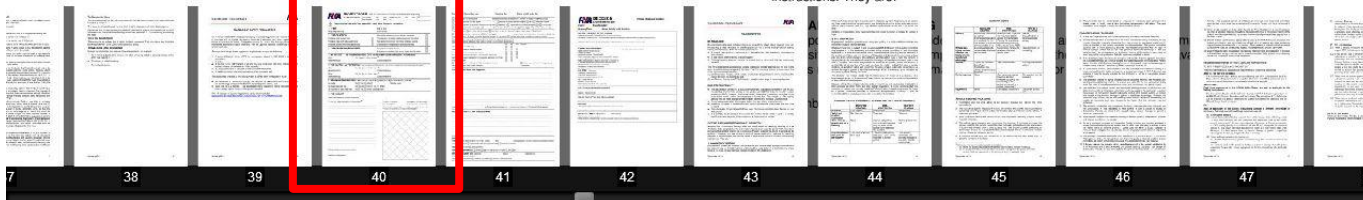
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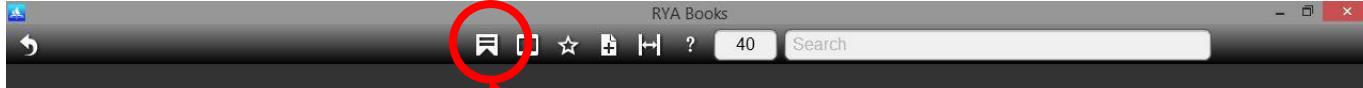
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RYA PROTEST FORM - also for arbitration, requests for redress and reopening
For race office use only

| Form issued | hrs | mins | protest time limit | hrs | mins | Ref |
|---------------|-----|------|--------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Form received | hrs | mins | by | | | |

Sections marked with * are essential, make sure these are completed

1. EVENT
 Organizing Authority: _____ Date of race: _____
 Race number: _____

2. TYPE OF ACTION
 Protest by boat against boat: Request for redress by boat or by race committee:
 Protest by race committee against boat: Consideration of redress initiated by protest committee:
 Protest by protest committee against boat: Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing:
 Consideration of reopening by protest committee:

3. TYPE OF HEARING REQUESTED

4. MY DETAILS - I AM THE PROTESTOR, OR REPRESENTED BY
 Class: _____ Sail No and / or Boat's name: _____
 Represented by: _____ Contact telephone: _____

5. THE BOAT(S) I AM PROTESTING (OR THE BOAT(S) FOR WHICH WE, THE PROTEST COMMITTEE, ARE CONSIDERING REDRESS)
 Class: _____ Sail No. and / or Boat's name*: _____
 Represented by: _____ Contact telephone: _____
 Class: _____ Sail No. and / or Boat's name*: _____
 Represented by: _____ Contact telephone: _____

6. INFORMING PROTESTEE(S). How did you inform the protestee(s) of your intention to protest?
 By hauling: No Yes When? _____ Word(s) used: _____
 By displaying a red flag: Not required No Yes When? _____
 By informing in some other way: No Yes When, where and how? _____

7. THE INCIDENT
 When and where the incident took place: _____
 Protestor's brief description of the incident: _____
 Protestor's diagram:
 Show on diagram:
 • Wind direction and strength
 • Current direction and strength
 • Mark and direction to next mark
 • Position of boats before, during and after incident

One square = one boat length

Diagram of boat is endorsed by committee or Committee's own diagram is attached not required

Rule(s) alleged to have been broken: _____

Name(s) of witness(es): _____

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For Protest Committee use **Hearing No:** _____ **Heard jointly with No:** _____

Before the start of a hearing, boat _____ accepts an exoneration penalty which is available for alleged infringement, in race
 Withdrawal requested by party, signed _____ because exoneration penalty accepted, other, Withdrawal allowed
 Arbitration is available for protests at the event and has been _____ requested, or _____ offered. Arbitrator believes arbitration is is not suitable
 All parties agree to arbitration: or _____ party _____ does not agree. The hearing will be arbitration a full protest or redress hearing

Protest is in time out of time, hearing is closed out of time, but time limit extended for good reason stated in Facts Found

All parties represented at the hearing: or _____ the following party _____ was notified of the time and place of the hearing but did not come to the hearing: the protest committee decided to proceed with the hearing, Arbitrator sends case to protest committee for hearing

Parties protesting or requesting / being considered for redress or reopening represented by: _____
 Parties being protested / alleged to have made an improper act or omission represented by: _____

| Objection about interested party | Yes | No | N/A | Remarks |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| _____ opportunity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| _____ opportunity until finish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Protest or request is valid, hearing will continue, date of hearing: _____ Protest or request invalid, hearing is closed

Witness(es): (Name, boat number, called by) _____ Interpreter(s) _____

FACTS FOUND State what happened

Diagram of boat is endorsed by committee or Committee's own diagram is attached not required

RULES THAT APPLY AND CONCLUSIONS

DECISION
 Protest is dismissed upheld, and in race number _____ boat _____ is disqualified invited to accept the exoneration penalty, which is accepted not accepted, needing a full protest hearing penalized as follows:
 Redress is not given given as follows: _____
 Request to reopen hearing is denied granted: hearing to be reopened now at _____

PROTEST COMMITTEE Chaired by: _____ Signed: _____ Date and time: _____
 Other protest committee members: _____
 Written decision requested by protestor protestee requester Date transmitted: _____



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 redress hearing
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REDRESS OR A REOPENING

phone

THE PROTEST COMMITTEE, ARE CONSIDERING REDRESS?

phone

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 Parties being protested / alleged to have made an improper act or omission represented by

| | Yes | No | N/A | Remarks |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Objection about interested party | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Written protest or request identifies incident | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No hail needed, protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity until finish | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Red flag not needed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Protest or request is valid, hearing will continue, date of hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Protest or request invalid, hearing is closed |
| Witness(es): (Name, boat number, called by) | | | | Interpreter(s) |

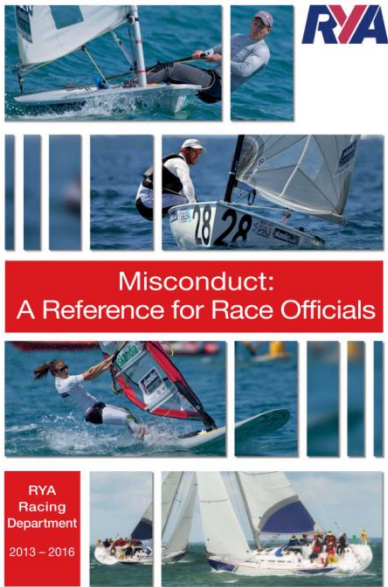
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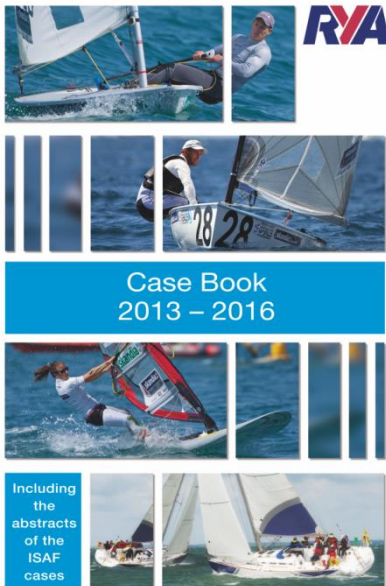
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18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When boats are *overlapped* the outside boat shall give the inside boat *mark-room*, unless rule 18.2(b) applies.

(1) she shall continue to do so even if later an *overlap* is broken or a new *overlap* begins;

(2) if she becomes *overlapped* inside the boat entitled to *mark-room*, she shall also give that boat *room* to sail her *proper course* while they remain *overlapped*.

However, if the boat entitled to *mark-room* passes head to wind or leaves the *zone*, rule 18.2(b) ceases to apply.

(d) of the other boat and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat has been unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

(e)



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An inside overlapped windward boat that is entitled to mark-room from the outside boat must keep clear of the outside boat and, if she is sailing outside of the mark-room to which she is entitled, she is not exonerated if she fails to keep clear.

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Rule 63.6, Hearings: Taking Evidence and Finding Facts

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When there is no other evidence, the protest committee is entitled to reach a decision on the evidence of the protestor and protestee alone. An additional witness is desirable but not essential.

SUMMARY OF THE FACTS

A protested B under rule 31 because she believed she saw the crew's back touch a mark. A hailed B to that effect but B did not take a penalty.

The protest committee disqualified B for hitting the mark, stating that A had a clear view and that B possibly was not aware of what had occurred.

B appealed on the ground that without an outside witness to confirm that the mark had been hit it was incorrect to penalize her.

DECISION

B's appeal is dismissed.

The protest committee found as a fact that the crew of B touched the mark. There was adequate evidence for it to arrive at this conclusion and the RYA sees no reason to question the protest committee's decision.

Outside witnesses are not essential, although they may help a protest committee to decide a case. In many incidents the protestor and protestee are the only ones who see what happens, but this does not prevent a protest from being decided.

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- (b) for a request for redress: a boat requesting redress or for which redress is requested, a race committee acting under rule 60.2(b);
- (c) for a request for redress under rule 62.1(a): the body alleged to have made an improper action or omission;
- (d) a boat or a competitor that may be penalized under rule 69.2.

However, the protest committee is never a *party*.

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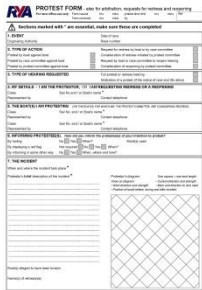
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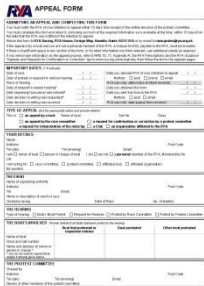
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