



Protest Committees At Ontario Sailing Titled Events

At Ontario Sailing titled events in Ontario, the Protest Committee shall be separate from the Race Committee, with no overlap in membership. The Protest Committee shall consist of at least 3 members, or of 5 members, the majority of whom are certified judges.

Rationale:

The Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 7 provides rules for the appointment of race officials at regattas.

88.2(b) The organizing authority shall appoint a race committee, and when appropriate, appoint a protest committee and umpires. However, the race committee, an international jury and umpires may be appointed by the ISAF as provided in the ISAF regulations.

90 A protest committee shall be

- (a) a committee appointed by the organizing authority or race committee, or
- (b) an international jury appointed by the organizing authority or as prescribed in the ISAF regulations and meeting the requirements of Appendix N....

These rules delineate the race committee and protest committee as two separate committees within the race organization. Their functions at the regatta are defined within the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Rule 63.4 provides a restriction on the function of members of protest committees:

“A member of a protest committee who is a *interested party* shall not take any further part in the hearing, but may appear as a witness.”

An *interested party* is defined as “A person who may gain or lose as a result of a protest committee’s decision, or who has a close personal interest in the decision. “ (Definition, *Interested Party*).

A member of the race committee could not participate in a hearing as a member of a protest committee in the following cases:

- A request for redress that alleges an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1(a)
- A request for redress filed by the protest committee under rule 60.3(b) alleging an improper action or omission of the race committee under rule 62.1(a)

Recommendations for Protest Committees at Ontario Sailing Events :

1. The organizing authority or race committee shall appoint a protest committee, or the organizing authority or the ISAF shall appoint an International Jury, in accordance with Rule 88.2(a) or 90(a),
2. An International Jury shall be constituted to meet the requirements of Appendix N.
3. A protest committee shall consist of at least 3 members.
4. No member of the International Jury or protest committee shall be a member of the race committee.
5. The Chief Judge should be an International Judge or a CYA Certified Senior National or National Judge.
6. The protest committee should include a mixture of National, Provincial and Club Judges. The majority shall be certified judges. This combination ensures a high level of judging at the event, while continuing the mentoring of judges who are developing their skills.

Respectfully submitted,

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