

Racing Rules of Sailing

New Definition ‘Committee’

A submission from the Chair of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

Add a new definition ‘Committee’.

Proposal

- (a) Add a new Definition to be located between the definition *Clear Ahead and Clear Astern*; *Overlap* and the definition *Conflict of Interest*.

Committee **The protest committee, race committee or technical committee.**

- (b) Delete the row ‘Committee’ from the table in the Introduction – Terminology which was approved in November 2023.

Consequential changes:

Protest An allegation made under rule 61.2 by a boat, ~~a race committee, a technical committee or a protest committee~~ ***committee*** that a boat has broken a *rule*.

5 RULES GOVERNING ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS

The organizing authority, ~~race committee, technical committee, protest committee~~ ***a committee*** and other race officials shall be governed by the *rules* in the conduct and judging of the event.

E6.2 Protest for a Rule Broken by a Competitor

When a ~~race committee, protest committee or technical committee~~ ***committee*** learns that a competitor may have broken a *rule*, it may protest the boat controlled by that competitor.

S 13.4 Notices of protests by ~~the race committee, technical committee or protest committee~~ ***a committee*** will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

Current Position

There is not current position.

Reasons

Defining the term ‘committee’ will avoid unduly repetitions in rules which refer to any or all committees.

Note that if this submission is approved, the term ‘committee’ will be italicized when it is used in the defined sense, whereas it will not be italicized when it refers to a particular committee previously

mentioned in the rule or when it is used in combination with the words 'protest', 'race' or 'technical' to refer to a specific committee.

This change should be considered as a change of pressing importance under regulation 28.1.2 so that, if approved with a 75% vote cast, it can be incorporated to the edition of the 2025-2028 RRS.