

RULE 60.3 — DELIVERING A PROTEST

- (a) When delivered, a *protest* shall be in writing and identify the protestor, the protestee, and the incident.
- (b) A *protest* shall be delivered to the race office (or by such other method as stated in the sailing instructions) within the protest time limit unless the protest committee decides there is good reason to extend the time. The protest time limit is
 - (1) for *protests* about an incident observed in the racing area, two hours after the last boat in the race *finishes*, or
 - (2) for other *protests*, two hours after the relevant information is available to the protestor.

However, if the sailing instructions state a different protest time limit, then that time limit applies instead.

Rule 60.3 clearly lists the details about the *protest*. Notice that the *protest* must be **in writing**. Also notice that the only details that must be included in order for the protest to be valid is a description of the incident itself, and who the protestor and protestee are. Therefore, be sure you clearly identify the incident and who is involved in your *protest*.

Notice that the first place to look for the time limit for delivering a *protest* is the sailing instructions. If the sailing instructions are silent, then the default time limit in rule 60.3(b)(1) is “two hours after the last boat in the race *finishes*.” Also notice that the protest committee can extend the time limit if there is a good reason to do so. This may be useful to you if you have made every reasonable effort to deliver your *protest* in time but were unable to do so for good reason.