

PROTEST

An allegation made under rule 60 by a boat or a *committee* that a boat has broken a *rule*.

For the most part, allegations and decisions on whether boats have broken any *rules* are handled after the race in a hearing called by a protest committee. The procedure to ask for such a hearing is called a *protest*. Rule 60 (Protests) clearly outlines the rights and requirements for boats, race committees, protest committees and technical committees that wish to protest.

Note that a “request for redress” under rule 61 (Redress) is not a *protest*. For you to “request redress,” you must make your request in writing and state why you are claiming it (rule 61.2(a), Requests for Redress). If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it has to be delivered no later than the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, whichever is later (rule 61.2(b)(1)). Other requests have to be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request (rule 61.2(b)(3)). However, on the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted (rule 61.2(b)(2)). In any event you don’t need to fly a protest flag when requesting redress.

Note also that a report to the protest committee alleging a breach of rule 69.1(a) (Misconduct) is not a *protest* either (see rule 69.1(c)). Upon receiving such a report, the protest committee will decide whether to call a hearing (rule 69.2(b)).