

APPENDIX B – EXPEDITED PROTEST PROCEDURE FOR FLEET RACING

Expedited Hearing Procedure

This appendix represents the recommended protest procedure for on the water Judging for fleet racing. It is addressed primarily to judges but may be helpful to others connected with protest, redress and breakdown hearings. Protesting boats and those boats that have been notified that they have been protested shall stay in the vicinity of the finish line. When using this procedure no protest form needs to be filed this changes RRS 61.2 and 62.2.

1. The jury for all protests and redress hearings initiated afloat or onshore may use an expedited hearing between races. All other hearings shall follow the procedural rules including filing of a protest/redress form. Expedited hearings shall be held using the following procedure, and may be held onboard an Judge boat:
 - a. The hearing will begin as soon as all parties are assembled
 - b. If no one raises an objection the protest will be determined to be valid. This changes RRS 63.5
 - c. Each party will be given about 1 minute to state their case.
 - d. The judge(s) may question the parties and/or call witnesses.
 - e. Each party will be given about 1 minute to question the other party.
 - f. The parties are excused. The Judge(s) will determine the facts and make their decision.
 - g. The Judge(s) shall inform the parties of the decision orally.
2. The Judge boat shall be equipped with the current RRS for use by the jury and the parties to the protest
3. Expedited hearings may be used to consider requests for redress involving breakdowns. Competitors are urged to use this procedure in lieu of written protests. The requesting competitor must notify the Race Committee of the intention to use this procedure immediately after finishing or as soon as reasonably possible if unable to finish.