

RULE 61.3 — PROTEST TIME LIMIT

A *protest* by a boat, or by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee about an incident observed in the racing area, shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit stated in the sailing instructions. If none is stated, the time limit is two hours after the last boat in the race *finishes*. Other *protests* shall be delivered to the race office no later than two hours after the protestor receives the relevant information. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

Notice that the first place to look for the time limit for lodging a *protest* is the sailing instructions. If the sailing instructions are silent, then the default time limit in rule 61.3 is “two hours after the last boat in the race *finishes*.” Also notice that the protest committee **must** 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.