

PROTEST

An allegation made under rule 61.2 by a boat, a race committee, a technical committee or a protest 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*. Rules 60 (Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress or Rule 69 Action) and 61 (Protest Requirements) clearly outline 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 62 is not a *protest*. For you to “request redress,” you must make your request in writing and state why you are claiming it. 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. Other requests have to be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the reasons for making the request. 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. In any event you don’t need to fly a protest flag (rule 62.2, 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)).