

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS E6.8

A submission from the Croatian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

Provided changes to E1.1 and E5 in our submission XXX and submission XXX are accepted, deletion of E6.8 shall be made as a consequence.

Proposal

~~E6.8 Taking Evidence and Finding Facts~~

~~Add new rule 63.6(e):~~

~~(e) — When the protest concerns an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4, any witness shall have been in the control area at the time of the incident. If the witness is a competitor who was not acting as an observer, he shall also have been scheduled to race in the relevant heat.~~

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. Furthermore, E6.8 becomes obsolete on other accounts as well, because prevents evidence that might be obtained from modern video and drone technologies and to some extent contradicts RRS 63.6(a).
 2. There was a case at IOM World Championship this year where competitor retired from following race based on the video evidence him breaking a rule. The thought behind this proposal is rules should not be in the way of adopting sources of evidence that competitors themselves are trusting but rules are forbidding.
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