

# American Yacht Club

## Expedited Hearing Procedures

**These rules apply to all hearings except hearings under rule 69.**

1. A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
2. If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.
3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
4. Rule 63.5 is changed to: 'At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change].'
5. Insert a new sentence after the third sentence of rule 63.6: 'However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions.'
6. The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later.'
7. The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'
8. Race Committee Protests - A member of the race committee or protest committee intending to protest a boat, following an incident that is observed in the racing area, may, at the first reasonable opportunity, inform the boat by making a sound signal, hailing "protest" and her sail number. The signaled boat may then take a penalty as available under RRS 44 (Changes RRS 61.1(b) and Appendix D1.2.d).