

Appendix A

Rolling Mediation Hearings

Unless there is serious damage or injury, protest hearings will be conducted according to the Rolling Mediation Hearing protocol:

The hearing may begin immediately after the RC has reason to believe that a written protest will be filed.

The hearing may adjourn and resume as necessary.

The location of the hearing may move about anywhere within the clubhouse during the course of the hearing.

Applicable sections of Racing Rules of Sailing, Part 5, are modified as follows:

RRS 61.2 (Protest Contents) is replaced with

"A protest shall be in writing and need only contain sufficient information to identify the boats involved and the approximate time and place of the incident."

RRS 63.2 (Time and Place of Hearings), 63.3 (Right to be Present) and 63.4 (Interested Party) are deleted.

RRS 63.6 (Taking Evidence and Finding Facts) is replaced with:

"The Rolling Mediation Protest Committee shall take the evidence of all readily available *parties* to the hearing and of all readily available witnesses and other evidence it considers necessary. Any person who saw the incident may give evidence. At the discretion of the protest committee, any *party* to the hearing or any other person may question any person who gives evidence. The committee shall then find the facts and base its decision on them."

In-House Appeal:

After the decision is announced, a *party* to the hearing may, upon paying a \$120 fee (deemed sufficient for three nice dinners at a nearby waterfront restaurant), request that the decision be voided and the hearing repeated in accordance with the unmodified RRS and YRA standing sailing instructions, which call for a formal, conventional protest hearing on the second Monday following the race. No members of the original Rolling Mediation protest committee may participate in the hearing of an in-house appeal.