

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2019 J/22 Class North American Championship Regatta (“Regatta”) June 19-23, 2019 Wayzata, MN U.S.A.

Organizing Authority: J/22 Fleet #1 & United States J/22 Class Association

Regatta website: <http://j22na.com>

Regatta Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/events/312884156130573/>

### 1. Rules.

- 1.1 Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”), including the International J/22 Class Rules (“IJ22CR”).
- 1.2 In accordance with RRS rule 88.1, attached US SAILING Prescriptions will apply. For purposes of clarification, RRS US Sailing prescriptions to rules 63.4(a) and (b) will not apply.
- 1.3 References:
  - 1.3.1 The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in this Notice of Race (“NoR”) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS rule 64.1.
  - 1.3.2 The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule in this NoR means this rule may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS rule 60.1(a).
  - 1.3.3 The term 'technical committee' in this NoR refers to a committee appointed by the OA and acting in accordance with RRS rule 92.

2. **Advertising.** Advertising will conform to the then-current World Sailing Advertising Code Regulation 20 and IJ22CR. Boats may be required to display sponsors advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (“OA”) at registration. [DP]

### 3. Eligibility, Entry & Fees.

- 3.1 Regatta is open to all J/22 Class boats as defined by the IJ22CR with a valid IJ22CR measurement certificate registered with International J/22 Class Association (“IJ22CA”).
- 3.2 Nonrefundable entry fees are as follows:

Amount	Due Date
US \$375.00	if received by OA on or before June 1, 2019
US \$450.00	if received by OA after June 1, 2019

Entry fee includes: registration, launch/haul-out, docking, trailer parking, racing and social tickets for three competitors. Additional social tickets for food and beverages will be available at \$75 per ticket.

- 3.3 Entries shall be submitted through [www.j22na.com](http://www.j22na.com) or at time of registration. Entries will be accepted up to the close of registration period.
- 3.4 For a boat to be a confirmed entry in the Regatta, as part of registration, all boats and teams must meet all IJ22CR and Regatta requirements including without limitation:
  1. Each owner and skipper must provide OA proof he/she is a then-current active member in good standing with IJ22CA; and applicable national membership(s) (e.g., US SAILING in the United States, or Sail Canada in Canada);

2. Each boat must provide OA a then-current, valid measurement certificate registered with IJ22CA;
3. Each boat must satisfactorily complete registration including without limitation;
  - a. each skipper and crew must comply with, and pass, weigh-in according to IJ22CR §8.9 (total crew weight),
  - b. each boat must pass onsite sail measurement requirements,
  - c. each boat must pass onsite inspection of safety equipment, and
  - d. each skipper and crew must provide OA a signed release of liability;
4. Each boat must provide OA a then-current third-party insurance certificate with a minimum coverage of **US \$300,000** per incident or equivalent; and
5. Payment of fees must be received by OA.

4. **Schedule.** See Attachment 1.

#### 5. **Measurement, Inspections & Crew Weigh-Ins.**

- 5.1 **Boat Measurement.** First-time boat measurements will be by *appointment only*. Contact Lars Hansen at [lars@larshansenphoto.com](mailto:lars@larshansenphoto.com) on or before **June 1, 2019** to schedule an appointment. OA intends to spot check individual boats and/or equipment at any time for compliance with IJ22CR, these NoRs and the Sailing Instructions (“SIs”).
- 5.2 **Safety Equipment.** During registration, OA will inspect all boat’s safety equipment for compliance with IJ22CR.
- 5.2 **Crew Substitutions.** Skippers and crews will be required to comply with IJ22CR §8.10 (substitution). Crew list must be completed at registration.
- 5.3 **Sail Measurement.** Sails shall be dropped off for measurement at a drop off area the will be designated at WYC clubhouse during registration. Except as permitted in section 5.4 below, only one suit of sails may be used for the entire Regatta. The sails for each boat will be measured and stamped by the OA.
- 5.4 **Replacement Sails/Equipment.** Race committee (“RC”) has the discretion to grant permission for the replacement of damaged sails and equipment. All claims of damage to measured-in equipment requiring replacement shall be made in writing to RC. Replacement of equipment and sails will be permitted only with the written approval of RC. Replaced equipment and sails will be required to pass a measurement check/inspection.
6. **Sailing Instructions.** Sailing Instructions will be available online at [www.j22na.com](http://www.j22na.com) on June 16, 2019.
7. **Venue & Racing Area.** Regatta venue, including registration, will be at Wayzata Yacht Club located at 1100 Eastman Lane, Wayzata, Minnesota 55391. Racing may be anywhere on Lake Minnetonka as shown in Attachment 2.
8. **Courses.** Course to be sailed will be windward/leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
9. **Penalty System.** RRS Appendix T will apply.

## 10. Scoring.

- 10.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta.
- 10.2 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of boat's race scores, excluding the boat's worst score. This changes *RRS A2*.

## 11. Support Boats.

- 11.1 If RC displays flag T at the *Finish*, boats may accept a tow back to the harbor from any vessel. [DP]
- 11.2 Except as permitted in 11.1, no competitors or boats will receive assistance from support persons or support boats from the time they originally leave WYC marina until they return to the WYC marina at the end of each day. A support boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a support person. Penalties for infringing NoR #11 may be applied to the offending support persons and/or the boat or competitors being supported. A penalty applied to a boat or competitors shall be applied to the race nearest in time to the incident. [DP]

12. **Launching and Berthing.** Boats will be launched from WYC's crane operated by WYC members. Trailers will be stored offsite at a location specified at registration. All boats must be afloat by 1800 hours on Thursday, June 20, 2019. Boats shall be kept where designated by OA while berthed in the WYC marina. Adequate fenders and mooring lines will be required. [DP]

13. **Haul-Out Restrictions.** All boats must be in the water before 1800 hours on Thursday, June 20, 2019 and shall not be hauled out during the Regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC. Rudders shall remain affixed during the time after launching. [DP]

14. **Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools.** Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from 1800 hours on Thursday, June 20, 2019 to the end of the Regatta. [DP]

15. **Powered Devices.** From 1800 hours on Thursday, June 20, 2019 until end of the Regatta, no appliances or devices (including but not limited to dehumidifiers or fans) that require plugging in to external electrical power shall be used aboard a boat, whether the boat is ashore or afloat, except for handheld tools needed for repair or maintenance, or according to the terms of prior written permission of the technical committee. [DP]

## 16. Radio Communications.

- 16.1 RC intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. **All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio** capable of communicating on US VHF channels 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72. [DP] [NP]
- 16.2 Except in an emergency or when a boat retires from racing, a boat shall not make radio or data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and tablets. [DP]

17. **Prizes.** Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) skippers and crews. Other prizes may be awarded at OA's discretion.

18. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** COMPETITORS PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES SOLELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. *SEE RRS RULE 4, DECISION TO RACE.* TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND ORGANIZERS**, DEFINED BELOW, WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR MATERIAL DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR PRIOR TO, DURING, OR AFTER THE REGATTA.

19. **Insurance.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance (covering bodily injury, personal injury and property damage) with a minimum coverage of **US \$300,000** per incident or equivalent.

**20. Publicity & Photographer's Rights.**

- 20.1 As a condition of participation, each participant (on behalf of him/herself and their children or minors) grants J/22 Fleet #1, Wayzata Yacht Club, US J/22 Class Association ("USJ22CA"), International J/22 Class Association and affiliates, Organizing Authority, Host Club, Principal Race Officer, race committee, protest committee, technical committee, Wayzata Sailing Foundation, Wayzata Community Sailing Center, and Sponsors (and each of their respective directors, officers, personnel, employees, contractors, officials, members, guests, volunteers, agents and representatives) and each of their respective photographers (collectively, "**ORGANIZERS**"), the perpetual, irrevocable right, license, and permission to use, publish, and distribute the participant's name, photographs, video, images, finishes, results, and statements of them and their boat and crew in all forms and media worldwide, including without limitation Internet, for any purposes whatsoever, including without limitation press, editorial, advertisement, promotions, public sale of pictures, etc. without compensation or further permission.
- 20.2 All marks, pictures, audio and video recordings, graphic logos and service names ("Materials") contained herein or produced for or during the Regatta by or on behalf of the Fleet #1, USJ22CA and sponsors are the property of the Fleet #1, USJ22CA and/or sponsors. All rights reserved. No rights to Materials are granted without express written permission of owner(s).
- 20.3 A boat(s) may be required to carry onboard cameras or tracking devices provided by OA.

21. **Charter Boats.** A charter boat(s) may become available and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Acquisition of insurance for the chartered boat will be the responsibility of the charterer. Per *RRS* Appendix G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of IJ22CR. To get on wait list or for questions about charter boats, please contact: Jeff Cameron at [cameron@bipl.net](mailto:cameron@bipl.net).

22. **Housing.** WYC regulations prohibit tents and overnight parking of campers and buses on club grounds. Please, no dogs allowed on club grounds during the Regatta. Local housing may become available and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. To get on wait list or for questions about housing, please contact: Brian Doyle at [briangarydoyle@gmail.com](mailto:briangarydoyle@gmail.com).

23. **Organizing Authority.** **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY** ("OA") is J/22 Fleet #1 and United States J/22 Class Association. Host Club is Wayzata Yacht Club ("WYC").

24. **Further Information.** For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chair: Jeff Cameron  
[cameron@bipl.net](mailto:cameron@bipl.net)

## Attachment 1 Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, June 19, 2019

1600-2000 Registration, skipper & crew weigh in, & sail measurement (WYC clubhouse)  
1600-2000 Boat launch (WYC west lot)

### Thursday, June 20, 2019

0800-1800 Registration, skipper & crew weigh in, & sail measurement (WYC clubhouse)  
0800-1800 Boat launch (WYC west lot)  
1600 Practice Race (main lake)  
**1800 All boats must be afloat**  
1800 Food & beverage (WYC clubhouse)  
1900 Welcome & Competitor's Meeting (WYC clubhouse)

### Friday, June 21, 2019

1000 **Warning signal** for 1<sup>st</sup> race. Additional races to follow at Principal Race Officer's ("PRO") discretion. Competitors should plan to be on the water all day, including bringing own lunch and beverages on the water.  
*Post Race* Post-race debrief & complimentary beverages & light snacks (WYC clubhouse)  
*Post Race* Dinner (***on own***)

### Saturday, June 22, 2019

1000 **Warning signal** for 1<sup>st</sup> race of day. Additional races to follow at PRO's discretion. Competitors should plan to be on the water all day, including bringing own lunch and beverages on the water.  
*Post Race* Post-race debrief; complimentary beverages & light snacks (WYC clubhouse)  
*Post Race* Dinner (WYC clubhouse)

### Sunday, June 23, 2019

1000 **Warning signal** for 1<sup>st</sup> race of day. Additional races to follow at PRO's discretion. Competitors should plan to be on the water all day, including bringing own lunch and beverages on the water.  
1300 **No warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday, June 23, 2019.**  
*Post Race* Haul-out (WYC west lot)  
*Post Race* Food & beverages (WYC clubhouse)  
*Post Race* Awards (WYC clubhouse)

Attachment 2  
Map of lower Lake Minnetonka



### Attachment 3

## 2017-2020 US Sailing Prescriptions (that Apply to Regatta)

The only US Sailing prescriptions that will apply at the Regatta are:

**CONTENTS** Edit or add the following lines:

**R** Procedures for Appeals and Requests

Move first line of Contents to make it the last line and change its wording to:

Race Signals, International Code Flags *Inside back cover*

**ONLINE DOCUMENTS** Add the following paragraph just above the line that begins ‘Introduction’:

Links to documents referred to in US Sailing prescriptions and notes can be found at [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org). However, links to documents referred to in Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, can be found at [appeals.ussailing.org](http://appeals.ussailing.org).

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** Add after the new paragraph in the Introduction just above:

***Equal Opportunity***

As the national authority for the sport of sailing, US Sailing is committed to providing an equal opportunity to all sailors to participate in the sport of sailing.

**Rule 34** Change rule 34 title to:

***MARK MISSING; RACE COMMITTEE ABSENT***

After rule 34, add:

US Sailing prescribes that, if a finishing *mark* is missing but another one remains in place, the finishing line is a line through the remaining *mark* at a 90° angle to the last leg and of the shortest practicable length. If the race committee is absent when a boat *finishes*, she should report to the race committee her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats at the first reasonable opportunity.

**Rule 40** Change rule 40 title to:

***PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT***

After rule 40, add:

US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the ‘PFD’ link for more information.

**Rule 48.1** After rule 48.1, add:

US Sailing prescribes that the use of additional special-purpose lights such as spreader, sail-trim and masthead wind-indicator lights shall not constitute a breach of this rule.

**Rule 60.3** After rule 60.3, add:

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

**Rule 61.4** Add rule 61.4:

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for *protests* or requests for redress.

**Rule 63.2** After rule 63.2, add:

US Sailing prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered for one or more boats:

(a) Any other boat may participate in the hearing.

(b) The protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the request or for considering redress, and boats shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

(c) The protest committee shall request redress for the other boats that participate in the hearing or request in writing to do so, making them *parties* to the hearing. It need not state a reason for such a request; this changes rule 62.2.

**Rule 67** After rule 67, add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the *rules*. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the *rules* is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the *rules*, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the *rules* shall be based on fault as determined by application of the *rules*, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

**Rule 70.5(a)** After rule 70.5(a), add:

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the ‘No Appeal’ link for more information or to obtain approval.



**Rule 76.1** After rule 76.1, add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

**Rule 82** Add rule 82:

**82 INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS**

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an ‘indemnification’ or ‘hold harmless’ agreement.) Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the ‘Indemnification’ link for more information.

**Rule 86.3** After rule 86.3, add:

US Sailing prescribes that proposed rules may be tested, but only in local races. However, proposed rules may also be tested at other events if, for each event, the organizing authority first obtains written permission from US Sailing and the proposed rules are included in the notice of race and sailing instructions. Go to [rules.ussailing.org](http://rules.ussailing.org) and click the ‘Experimental Rules’ link for more information.

**Rule 88.2** After rule 88.2, add:

US Sailing prescribes that sailing instructions shall not change or delete rule 61.4, Appendix R, or its prescriptions to rules 40, 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) or 76.1. However, for an international event the prescription to rule 40 may be deleted.

**Appendix L** Add Instruction 5.6:

This is a US Sailing prescription.      5.6      Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more racing today.’

**Appendix L** Add Instruction 16.9:

This is a US Sailing prescription.      16.9      If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

**Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests**

Replace World Sailing Appendix R with Appendix R [see Appendix R below]

**APPENDIX R**

*PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS*

**This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.**

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71. An association appeals committee may act as permitted by rule 71.2 and shall act as required by rule 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule R7.1(a).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to [appeals.ussailing.org](http://appeals.ussailing.org) and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.

## **R1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST**

- R1.1** Send appeals, requests and the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form (see rule R2.2) by email to the US Sailing Race Administration Director at [submitappeal@ussailing.org](mailto:submitappeal@ussailing.org). For more information about submitting appeal documents, call US Sailing at 1 (800) US SAIL 1.
- R1.2** Except as provided in rule R1.4, the director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee, an appeal under rule 70.1(b) or a request by a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the association appeals committee for the place in which the event was held.
- R1.3** The director will forward an appeal of a decision of an association appeals committee, a request by an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and a request for an interpretation of *rules* to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.
- R1.4** The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing national championship, and a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

## **R2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST**

### **R2.1** To appeal,

- (a) no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the decision to US Sailing. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect;
- (b) when the hearing required by rule 63.1 has not been held within 30 days after a *protest* or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall, within a further 15 days, send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence. The appeals committee to which the appeal is forwarded shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so; or
- (c) when the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence.

If a copy of the *protest* or request is not available, the appellant shall instead send a statement of its substance.

### **R2.2** The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form. To obtain the form, go to [appeals.ussailing.org](http://appeals.ussailing.org) and click the 'Information Form' link. The form requests all of the following documents and information available:

- (a) the written *protest(s)* or request(s) for redress;

- (b) if the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee and the appeal to the association appeals committee;
- (c) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that shows
  - (1) the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks;
  - (2) the course to the next *mark* and its required side;
  - (3) the speed and direction of the wind;
  - (4) any relevant *mark, obstruction* or *zone*; and
  - (5) if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current;
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing this event, and any changes to them;
- (e) the names, postal addresses and email addresses of the *parties* to the hearing, the chairperson of the protest committee and, if relevant, the chairperson of the association appeals committee, and
- (f) any other relevant documents.

**R2.3** To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall, no later than 15 days after making its decision, send to US Sailing a copy of its decision, the US Sailing Appeals & Requests Information Form, and all relevant documents and comments (see rule R2.2).

**R2.4** To request an interpretation of the *rules*, a club or other organization affiliated to US Sailing shall send its request to US Sailing. The request shall include assumed facts and be endorsed by an officer of the club or organization. A US Sailing committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US Sailing.

### **R3 FEES**

**R3.1** If the appeal or request is being made to an association appeals committee (see rule R1.2), US Sailing charges no fee for forwarding that appeal or request. However, an association appeals committee may charge a fee, in which case the association appeals committee will send a notice to the appellant (or, for a request, to the protest committee) stating the fee, to whom the fee is payable, and the address to which the fee must be sent.

**R3.2** If the appeal is being made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee (see rules R1.3 and R1.4) by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, US Sailing charges a fee of \$25. The fee is \$75 for all others.

**R3.3** A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the *rules*, but there is no fee for such a request from a US Sailing committee. There is no fee for a request from an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision. There is no fee for an appeal under rule 70.1(b).

**R3.4** If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered. For appeals and requests made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, the fee can be paid by check to 'US Sailing' or electronically as described in the Appeals FAQ.

### **R4 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED**

Upon receipt of an appeal, the appeals committee shall send a copy of the appeal to the committee whose decision is being appealed, asking it for any documents required by rule R2.2 not supplied by the appellant.

### **R5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **R5.1 Protest Committee**

A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under rule R4 and any facts or other information requested under rule R5.4. If directed to do so by the appeals

committee, it shall conduct a hearing, or reopen the hearing, of the protest or request for redress, or conduct a hearing to consider redress.

#### **R5.2 Association Appeals Committee**

- (a) The association appeals committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, and to the committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.
- (b) The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all *parties* to the hearing and the protest committee.
- (c) An association appeals committee shall consider an appeal it has refused to decide if directed to do so by the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

#### **R5.3 US Sailing Appeals Committee**

The US Sailing Appeals Committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, to the protest committee and to the association appeals committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.

#### **R5.4 Inadequate Facts; Reopening**

An appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information in writing, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts in writing, and the protest committee shall promptly do so.

#### **R6 COMMENTS**

The *parties* to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request, on any of the documents listed in rule R2.2, and on any clarifications received under rule R7.2(d). Comments shall be sent in writing to the appeals committee no later than 15 days after the *party* or committee receives the document. The appeals committee need not consider comments sent after that time or comments on comments.

#### **R7 PROVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF RULES 70 AND 71**

##### **R7.1 Right to Appeal or Request Confirmation or Correction**

- (a) A *party* to a hearing may appeal an association appeals committee's decision.
- (b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rule R2.3).

##### **R7.2 Other Provisions**

- (a) No member of the association appeals committee shall take part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.
- (b) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other boats.
- (c) The US Sailing Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.
- (d) An appeals committee may seek clarifications of rules governing the event from organizations that are not parties to the hearing.

##### **R7.3 Withdrawing an Appeal**

With the consent of the appeals committee, an appellant may withdraw an appeal before it is decided.

**R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS**

An expedited appeals system, which can only be used at US Sailing Protected Competitions (see US Sailing Regulation 12.03), can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to [appeals.ussailing.org](https://appeals.ussailing.org) and click the 'Expedited Appeals' link.