

Lipton Cup Regatta

Richmond Yacht Club

In Association with

St. Francis Yacht Club and PICYA

June 15-17, 2018



Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Racing on Saturday for the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge will be umpired and will be governed by the Modified Addendum Q (attached).
- 1.3 The rules for Handling Boats, Addendum C, will apply; it also applies to any practice sailing.
- 1.4 The J/22 Class Rules will not apply.
- 1.5 All competitors shall wear a PFD while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 1.6 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return-on-board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

2 ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only yacht clubs invited by the Organizing Authority (OA) are eligible for the event. The clubs invited and accepted by the OA are listed in Addendum A.
- 2.2 To remain eligible, each club shall provide a \$1,000 deposit for damage, before they will be given access to the boat.
- 2.3 The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each club for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the club will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.
- 2.4 Each club is responsible for damage or loss to its boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or protest committee (PC). This will not be grounds for protest or redress by any boat. This changes RRS 62.
- 2.5 After the warning signal for a race, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 2.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.7 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is located in the RYC race room downstairs. Notice to competitors for the Friday start at the StFYC will be posted on the window of the dockmaster's office. All notices will also be posted on the website: <http://www.richmondyc.org>.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore on Friday will be displayed on the mast on the StFYC race deck.
- 5.2 Signals made ashore on Saturday or Sunday will be displayed on the mast on the upper deck at RYC.
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes "Race Signals".

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

EVENT	DATE	WARNING	LOCATION
Admirals Cup	June 15	1400 hrs	StFYC race deck
Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy	June 16	1100 hrs	Southampton Shoal
Larry Knight Trophy	June 17	1200 hrs	Southampton Shoal

ADMIRALS CUP FRIDAY JUNE 15

7 THE CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the J22 class flag, white with the black insignia.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Each line bound by the following two points is designated as an obstruction. Boats are prohibited from crossing any of these lines while racing.

- a. StFYC inner mark "B" and the closest point ashore.
- b. The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
- c. The buoy northwest of Alcatraz and the closest point ashore of Alcatraz.
- b. Pt. Blunt buoy and the closest point ashore of Angel Island.
- c. The daymarker at the end of the Richmond breakwater and the breakwater itself.

9 START, FINISH, AND COURSES

9.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.

9.2 The start will be off the StFYC deck with an orange marker on the race deck as the inboard end and Mark A as the outboard end.

9.3 Course #1 is to leave a temporary weather mark near Anita Rock to starboard; leave Angel Island to port, leave an inflatable Mark "L" in the Southampton area to port; and finish between an orange flag on the RYC race platform on the breakwater and a temporary inflatable mark east of the green channel mark "7" in the Potrero Reach.

9.4 Course #2 is to leave a temporary weather mark near Anita Rock to starboard; leave Angel Island to Starboard; leave an inflatable Mark "L" in the Southampton area to port; and finish between and orange flag on the RYC race platform on the breakwater and a temporary inflatable mark east of the green channel mark "7" in the Potrero Reach.

9.5 The course will be signaled by numeral pennant.

9.6 Display of the "K" flag before or at the warning means no spinnakers are to be flown for that race.

9.7 The course may be shortened to finish at Mark "L".

10 COMPETITORS MEETING

The competitors meeting will be held at 1200 hrs in the Starting Line room at the StFYC.

11 CHECK IN AND RETIREMENT

11.1 Competitors shall show their sail numbers to the race committee by sailing past the race deck on port tack.

11.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit for finishing shall be 1730 hrs.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE, and will be scored 2 points more than the number of finishers in that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A11.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE TROPHY - SATURDAY JUNE 16

14 THE CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the J22 class flag, white with the black insignia.

15 START, FINISH, AND COURSES

15.1 Racing will be in the Southampton Shoal area.

15.2 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.

15.3 The start and finish lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RYC Signal Boat "Pelican" and the course side of a small inflatable mark.

15.4 All marks will be inflatable marks.

15.5 Courses are defined in Addendum "B".

15.6 Courses will be signaled by numeral pennant from the RC signal boat.

15.7 Display of the "K" flag before or at the warning means no spinnakers are to be flown for that race.

15.8 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

15.9 A warning will not be signaled after 1600 hrs.

16 COMPETITORS MEETING

The competitors meeting will be held at 0900 hrs in the upper dining room at the RYC.

17 CHECK IN AND RETIREMENT

17.1 Before the warning signal of the first race, all racing boats are required to sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee boat in the designated starting area, and verbally check-in with their bow number. When the race committee verbally acknowledges a boat's bow number, the check-in has been officially noted.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 TIME LIMITS

18.1 If no boat has passed Mark W the first time within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

18.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish a race is 1 hour.

18.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE, and will be scored 2 points more than the number of finishers in that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A11,

19 SCORING

19.1 The race committee will attempt to complete seven (7) races. Three (3) completed races constitute a series.

19.2 No scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

LARRY KNIGHT TROPHY - SUNDAY JUNE 16

20 THE CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the J22 class flag, white with the black insignia.

21 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Each line bound by the following two points is designated as an obstruction. Boats are prohibited from crossing any of these lines while racing.

- a. Pt. Blunt buoy and the closest point ashore of Angel Island;
- b. The buoy northwest of Alcatraz and the closest point ashore of Alcatraz.
- c. Anita Rock Light located approximately 0.30nm West of StFYC ("Anita Rock" Q 20ft 5M), and the closest point ashore.
- d. The "H" Beam piling (located approximately 200 yards west of the St. Francis YC) and the closest point ashore.
- e. StFYC inner mark "B" and the closest point ashore.

22 START, FINISH, AND COURSES

22.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.

22.2 The start will be in the Southampton Shoal area with an orange flag on the RYC Signal Boat "Pelican" marking the starboard end of the line and a small inflatable mark on the port end.

22.3 The course is to leave a temporary weather mark near Blackaller to port, and finish at the StFYC Race deck between an orange marker on the deck and Mark "A." Angel Island shall be left to the north.

22.4 Display of the "K" flag before or at the warning means no spinnakers are to be flown for that race.

23 COMPETITORS MEETING

The competitors meeting will be held at 1000 hrs in the upper dining room at RYC.

24 CHECK IN AND RETIREMENT

24.1 Before the warning signal, all racing boats are required to sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee boat and verbally check-in with their bow number. When the race committee verbally acknowledges a boat's bow number, the check-in has been officially noted.

24.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

25 TIME LIMITS

25.1 The time limit for finishing shall be 1600 hrs.

25.2 Boats failing to finish with 1 hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE, and will be scored 2 points more than the number of finishers in that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A11.

ALL RACING

26 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

- 26.1** Before the preparatory signal of a race, a boat may display flag L to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to a position just to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- 26.2** The time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.
- 26.3** After the preparatory signal, a race will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 24.1.

27 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 27.1** For the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy, on-the-water umpiring will be in effect in accordance with the rules of Modified Addendum Q. Requests for redress shall be delivered to a race committee representative within 30 minutes after the committee boat returns to the dock.
- 27.2** For the Admirals Cup and Larry Knight Trophy, protest forms will be available near the official notice board. A protest shall be delivered to a race committee representative within the protest time limit, which shall be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 27.3** Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

28 CLUB IDENTIFICATION ON BOATS

The club name shall be displayed on the starboard side of the mainsail; this will be supplied by the OA. Each boat will display their club burgee on the backstay; the club shall provide the burgee to be displayed (minimum standard size of 12" x 18").

29 SUPPORT AND OBSERVATION BOATS

- 29.1** After the starting signal, observation and other support boats may follow the fleet, but must stay 75 meters from any mark or competitor; on Saturday, boats must be to leeward of the course area or above the starboard side layline of the course.
- 29.2** Coach boats not allowed

30 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 30.1** The RC may communicate with racing boats on VHF Channel 75.
- 30.2** The RC may hail the signaled course for the race and may hail boats that are OCS. The RC may also announce the finish order of boats after each race on Saturday. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress.
- 30.3** In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. If the RC needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF Channel 75.

31 REGATTA SCORING

Scoring for the entire regatta will be by combining the overall results of each of the three days of racing. Saturday's results will be scored with double points. In the event of a tie score between two or more boats, they will be ranked in the order of Saturday's results. This changes RRS A2 and A8.

32 PRIZES

These races are competing for the traditional perpetual trophies provided by the PICYA. Take home and participation trophies will also be provided.

Three trophy presentations will take place:

1. At RYC on the evening of Friday, June 15, for the Admirals Cup Race, with the second place Valhalla Cup also presented.
2. At RYC on the evening of Saturday, June 16, for the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Trophy, with the second place Edward E. Peck Trophy also presented.
3. At StFYC in the afternoon of Sunday, June 17, for the Larry Knight Trophy, with the second place Treasurer's Cup also presented.
4. At StFYC in the afternoon of Sunday, June 17, for the Lipton Pacific Coast Perpetual Challenge Trophy, which will be presented to the club with the top combined scores for the regatta.
5. Please also note that while take-home trophies will be awarded during the above three presentations, the actual perpetual trophies will be awarded at the South Beach Yacht Club PICYA event in October of this year.

33 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (See US Dept. of Commerce Chart 18649 for designated narrow channels and fairways of SF Bay) or fishing or other vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Boats identified by sail number who endanger their own safety or that of a commercial vessel or government vessel will be subject to protest.

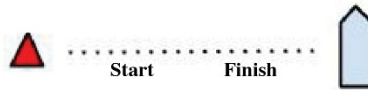
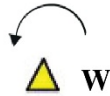
34 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, RYC, StFYC, & PICYA, boat owners and others associated with facilitating the conduct of this event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The Richmond Yacht Club, the St. Francis Yacht Club, PICYA, the J/22 Class Association, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person(s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

ADDENDUM A – ELIGIBLE CLUBS

Berkeley Yacht Club
Corinthian Yacht Club
Encinal Yacht Club
Inverness Yacht Club
Richmond Yacht Club
Sequoia Yacht Club
St. Francis Yacht Club
South Beach Yacht Club
The San Francisco Yacht Club

ADDENDUM B - COURSES LIPTON CHALLENGE TROPHY



All marks are rounding marks and are to be left to port except the start/finish mark.

Courses:

1. S - W - L - F
2. S - W - L - W - F
3. S - W - L - W - L - F



ADDENDUM C - HANDLING BOATS

1 GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

2 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

Except in an emergency or to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having signed the Damage Authorization Form or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline
- 2.9 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.10 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.11 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 2.12 Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang.
- 2.13 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting onto a winch.
- 2.14 The use of electronic instruments other than hand held GPS, timers and watches.
- 2.15 Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.16 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 2.17 After the starting signal and while sailing close hauled for more than a few seconds, the main boom position shall be controlled only by using the mainsheet, traveler and vang
- 2.18 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard.

3 PERMITTED ITEMS and ACTIONS

- 3.1 The following are permitted.

Taking on board the following equipment:

- a. basic hand tools;

- b. electrical adhesive tape, NO DUCT TAPE;
- c. line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less);
- d. pencils;
- e. tell-tale material;
- f. watch, timers, hand held compass and hand held GPS;
- g. shackles and clevis pins;
- h. Velcro tape; and
- i. Spare flags;
- j. PFDs

3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:

- (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
- (b) attach tell-tales
- (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
- (d) mark control settings
- (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
- (f) personal safety

3.3 Fixing a spinnaker sheet catcher at the bow, providing that it does not extend the length of the boat more than 100 mm and does not require any repair after removal.

3.4 Changing the number of mainsheet purchases.

4 MANDATORY ITEMS and ACTIONS

4.1 At the end of each sailing day:

- (a) rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed;
- (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day; and
- (c) releasing backstay tension, provided that the slightly tensioned backstay adjustment lines will be used to secure the tiller.

4.2 At the end of each day, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and removing all marks and tape, except tape applied to turnbuckles and for chafe protection.

4.3 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.

4.4 Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.

4.5 A breach of items 4.1 and 4.2 will be considered as damage.

ADDENDUM D – EQUIPMENT LIST

The following non-fixed items, provided on the boats, are to be carried on board at all times in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported immediately to the OTW bosun, who will monitor CH 75.

SAILS and SAILING EQUIPMENT

- Mainsail and set of battens
- Jib
- Spinnaker
- One winch handle
- Two winch handle holders
- One spinnaker pole
- Two spinnaker sheets
- Two headsail sheets
- Tiller extension
- Jib cars
- Red flag
- L “Lima” flag
- Y “Yankee” flag

SAFETY GEAR

- First aid kit
- Bucket and sponge
- Flares
- Type IV throwable PFD
- Four adult PFDs
- Bilge pump
- Paddle
- Tow line
- Anchor with chain and line
- VHF Radio

MOORING LINES and FENDERS

- Three mooring lines
- Two fenders

MODIFIED ADDENDUM Q: UMPIRED FLEET RACING FOR KEEL BOATS

(Edited/updated – 5/30/18)

US Sailing approves the use of this addendum under the provision of rule 86.3.

These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3.

Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES - *Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2 and Q5.*

Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 1 and Part 2

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or maneuvering to take a penalty is not sailing a **proper course**.'
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

- (a) Rule 44.1 is replaced by: "A boat may take One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while **racing**. However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31; if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire."
- (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with "A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4."
- (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (d) A boat may not request redress under RRS 62.1(a), (b) and (d). However, the protest committee may call a hearing to consider redress under that rule if it believes that there is a significant reason for doing so. This changes RRS 62.1(a), (b) and (d).
- (e) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum.

Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

Q2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2, except rule 14, or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under one of these rules for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a Y-flag (Yankee flag) at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily, or after an umpire's decision. This changes rule 61.1(a).

Q2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as follows:

The boat shall hail and signal with an upraised arm moving in circles to the umpires that she intends to take a penalty. She shall then take a One-Turn penalty as described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a One-Turn Penalty, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.

Q2.3 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.

Q2.4 A boat intending to:

- (a) Protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2, Q4.2(a), or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1;
- (b) Protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury; or
- (c) Request redress

shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

Q2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

Q3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black and white flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

Q3.2 (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a Two-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2.

(b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

Q4.1 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) breaks rule 42 or 49,
- (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (d) deliberately breaks a rule,
- (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
- (f) fails to comply with instructions Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signaled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

Q4.2 A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes. When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c).

Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, the umpire will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Q5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

Q5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

Q5.3 (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
(b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
(c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty. This changes rule 64.1.

Q5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat.

Q5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.