



RIVER ROMP 2020



EXPEDITED PROTESTS HEARINGS (“THREE-MINUTE JUSTICE”)

All protest hearings will be held using an expedited protest procedure as follows:

- The Protest Committee for each hearing will consist of one US Sailing Association Certified Judge.
- The protestor shall comply with RRS 61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS. Though preferred, the protest does not have to be written using a protest form but shall be in writing and include the required information stated in RRS 61.2.
- The parties (protester and protestee) and judge shall wear Covid-19 protective masks and stand at least six-feet apart.
- Each party will have approximately 1 minute to state their case. Each party must use their own rules book (The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020). Miniature boats will be provided for each party in plastic bags and will be retained by the parties and not used again for other hearings.
- The judge may question the parties and/or call witnesses. The parties may not call witnesses. This changes RRS 63.6.
- The parties will be excused while the judge determines the facts and bases the decisions on those facts.
- The judge will call back the parties and give them the his/her decision.
- A boat may not request that an expedited hearing be reopened after a decision has been made This changes RRS 66.
- The US Sailing prescription dealing with requests for redress under RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- The judge will inform the race committee and the OA of all decisions.