



## Thursday Night Racing (TNR)

### Attachment E: Protest Checklist

**Did a boat notify the Race Committee of a protest either by ANY of the following methods immediately following the race in which the incident took place:**

- Notification by VHF
- Verbal notification hailed on the water or on the docks

**Was the Protest Hearing Request Form received within the time limit: 40 minutes after the last boat in the class finishes the last race, or 20 minutes after the Race Committee docks, whichever is later.**

If “No” to any of the above: protest is invalid, no hearings will be held.

**If “Yes” to both of the above, proceed to the following steps:**

- 1. Both parties—protestor and protestee—must fill out a Hearing Request Form**
  - a. Available in Race Committee materials
  - b. Also: <https://downtownsailing.org/racing>
- 2. Race Committee must form a Protest Committee, made up of:**
  - a. Two members of Race Committee
  - b. One impartial third member who is not a member of either protest party
- 3. Before either team leaves for the night, hold a “3-minute justice hearing”**
  - a. Once the hearing has begun, the Protestor has one minute to explain the reason for his/her party’s protest to the Protest Committee.
  - b. The Protestee has one minute to explain his/her party’s position.
  - c. The Protest Committee shall dismiss the two competitors and will deliberate and reach a decision in 1 minute.
- 4. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Protest Committee may decide by simple majority:**
  - a. Determine there is not sufficient evidence any party broke a rule, and impose no penalty on either team
  - b. Assign a penalty of DSQ to any party that broke a rule
- 5. Protest Committee will notify the protest parties of their decision and fill out the Hearing Decision Form**
  - a. Available in Race Committee materials
  - b. Also: <https://downtownsailing.org/racing>

**Did either party leave the premises before the protest hearing?**

- 1. Assign the following penalties without hearing:**
  - a. Protesting parties will have their protest(s) disallowed
  - b. Protested parties will receive a score of DSQ for the race in which they were protested.
- 2. Fill out the Scoring Penalty and Hearing Decision Form**
  - a. Available in Race Committee materials
  - b. Also: <https://downtownsailing.org/racing>