

2025 FLEET 27 PROTEST GUIDELINES

Goal is safety and to resolve disputes on the water.

1. If you know you are in the wrong, do your spin/s (1 outside the circle, 2 inside the circle).
2. If you weren't aware of the protest but recognize your fault, you can accept a percentage penalty by coordinating with the Race Committee.
3. If #2 does not apply, see next steps below.
4. If there is measurable damage, file a protest so that fault can be documented for insurance purposes and any necessary repairs.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PROTEST

PROTESTER

ON THE WATER

1. Notify boat(s) on the water at time of protest.
This provides opportunity for offending boat to exonerate themselves with turns.
2. Fly the protest flag according to the rules.
3. Notify the race committee via VHF immediately after the race in question. Include the boat/s you are protesting.

ON LAND

4. Within 90 minutes of the Race Committee landing ashore:
 - Boats protesting file the document(s) with the race committee.
 - Documents are found on the bulletin board at the SE corner of the clubhouse.
Note: There are small boat cut outs you can use to better diagram the on the water altercation.
5. In addition to RC notification, **take a clear picture of your form and email to the three Protest Committee members:** Tim Tolford, Jennifer Yahr, Dave White, and Fleet 27 Race Officer: Jeff LaPage. Their emails are on the form or in the above inset.

PROTESTEE

ON THE WATER

1. Again, if you are in the wrong, do your turns on the water.
2. If you were unaware on the water or realize after the race that you were at fault, take a 30% penalty by notifying the Race Committee via VHF so the protesting boat is informed.
3. If you are proceeding with the protest no further action is necessary.
4. The Protest Committee will reach out to you with any questions.

Note: There is no mediation as part of this process.

Protest Committee has until the following Sunday EOD and will generate a review of their findings, rationale and related rules. They will then email their findings to the fleet.

If needed, results from the previous Tuesday will be updated and announced after the next Tuesday's race.

To Submit Protests Straight From Your Device



Scan or tap the QR code to download the US Sailing Racing Rules App. Submit protest

forms and diagrams directly from your device—and use the app's whiteboard feature to draw and submit animated protest diagrams.

— OR —



QR code tk

Scan or tap the QR code to download protest forms from Fleet27 website. For the

diagram section of the protest form, hardcopies are found in the SE corner of the clubhouse.

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**TAP HERE TO EMAIL
ENTIRE GROUP**



HEARING REQUEST

for **protests**, requests for
redress, and **reopening**

ussailing.org

FOR COMMITTEE USE

Time & date received _____ Rec'd by _____

Protest time limit _____ Filing # _____

ETCHELLS FLEET 27 PROTEST COMMITTEE CONTACTS

EMAIL TO: TIM TOLFORD timtolford@gmail.com JENNIFER YAHR jgyahr@maine.rr.com DAVE WHITE dave@whitesnauticalantiques.com

Race # Day/Date of Race

Event/Series

Type of Hearing

Protest

☐

Redress

☐

Reopening

☐

Boat or Committee Protesting or Requesting

Making allegation, claim, or request

Boat (sail # / name) _____

-OR- Committee _____

Represented by _____

Mobile phone _____

Email _____

Protestee(s) or Committee/Body

Alleged to have broken a rule, or made an improper action or omission

Boat (sail # / name) _____

Boat (sail # / name) _____

Boat (sail # / name) _____

Boat (sail # / name) _____

-OR- Committee/Body _____

For a protest only, informing the protestee: How did you inform the other boat of your intent to protest?

If "Yes" when (for each)?

By hailing?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Words used?

By displaying a red flag?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Some other way?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Where / how?

The incident

For a protest: When and where did it happen? (e.g. 1/2 way along first upwind leg, pre-start just below pin, etc.)

For protests, please describe the incident. For redress or reopening, please state the reasons.

Rules alleged to have been broken



For either a protest or a request for redress or reopening (if relevant)

Diagram Include wind and current (**or** continue the description of the incident and/or reasons)

Witnesses Please list by name

USE ONLY TO WITHDRAW FILING	
I request to withdraw this filing	Filing withdrawal approved
<div>Signature of representative</div>	<div>Signature of PC member</div>
Print name	Print name



Diagram 1

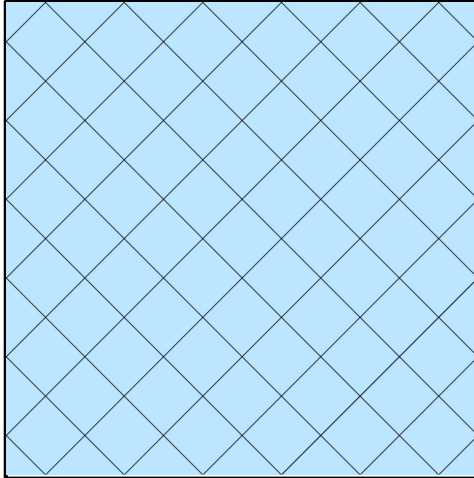


Diagram 2

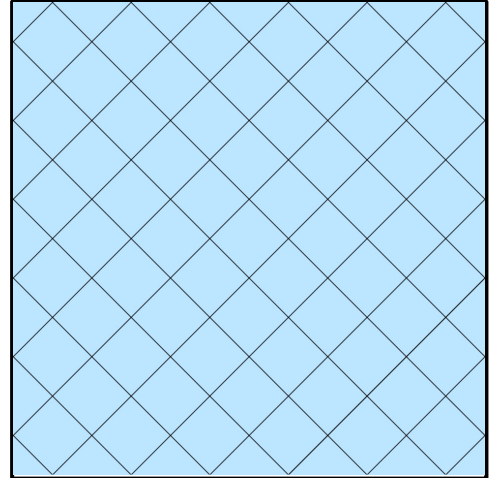


Diagram 3

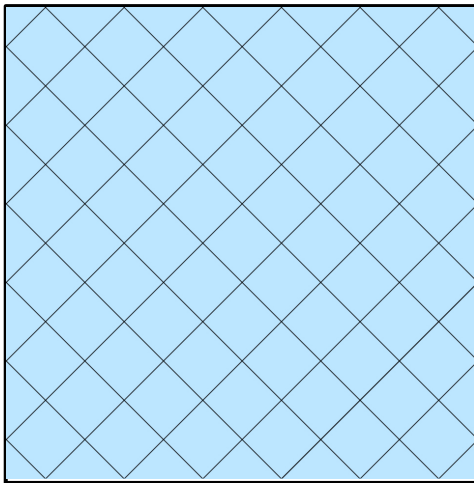


Diagram 4

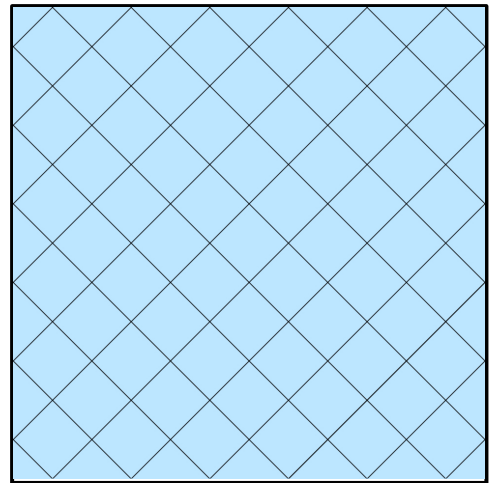


Diagram 5

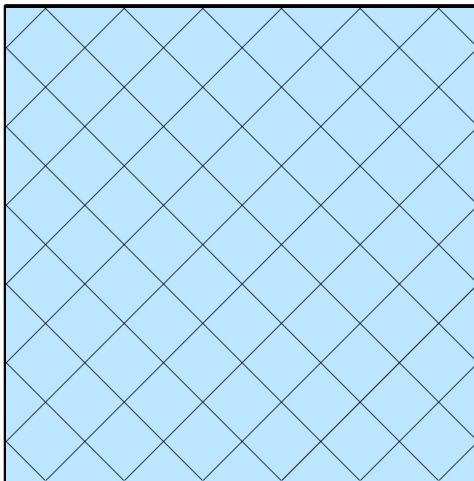
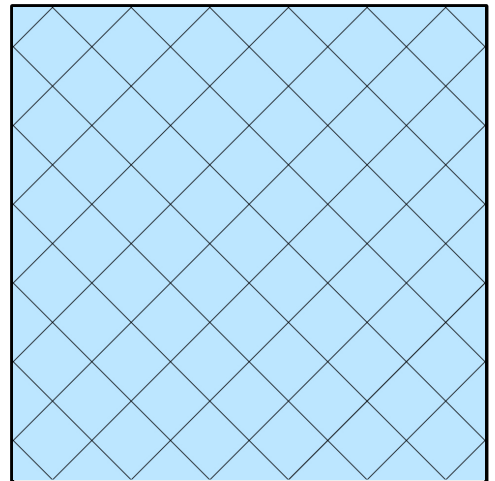


Diagram 6



Witnesses Please list by name

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I request to withdraw this filing

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Signature of representative

Print name

Filing withdrawal approved

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Signature of PC member

Print name