

# Protests

Our goal is to have all matters regarding rules infractions settled fairly and justly on the water and avoid protest committee hearings. Fouls will occur. We expect all racers to promptly take a one or two turns penalty when they commit a foul regardless of whether another boat hails protest or not.

## **Procedure For A Boat To Protest In A Scow Race Or Regatta:**

1. Hail the offending boat with “**PROTEST**” within ten seconds of the foul.
2. If the offending boat does not take the appropriate penalty immediately upon getting clear of traffic, then the protesting boat informs the RC upon finishing that race that they intend to protest boat (name/#).
3. Following racing, the protesting boat must deliver the protest to the RC within 30 minutes of the RC Boat docking or within or within 30 minutes of the last race boat docking, whichever is later.
4. A boat that intends to file a protest must execute all three of these steps (#1 through #3) in order for a protest to be valid. The RC/Protest Committee WILL NOT accept any protests that are not valid by these standards.
5. SCOW will utilize Appendix T Arbitration Procedures to expedite protests, by which a boat may accept a 20 percent scoring penalty rather than proceeding to a protest hearing. The involved skippers are encouraged to attempt to work things out before going forward with a protest.
6. If agreed upon, an arbitration meeting will be held with concerned parties with the PRO presiding. The matter may be settled by an agreed upon scoring penalty of 20 percent or dismissal.
7. If the protest goes to a protest hearing, the PRO will preside. The outcome of the protest hearing will be dismissal, disqualification or a scoring penalty of 30 percent. The PRO decides the outcome.
8. The PRO/Protest Committee will notify the Racing Director of any protests and their outcomes, as well as any scoring penalties accepted when they submit the race results to the Racing Director.
9. The decision of the Protest Committee may be appealed to the Racing Director within 24 hours of the time the Protest Committee convened. If there is an appeal, the Racing Director will make the final determination within 24 hours of receiving the appeal.
10. No race results will be posted until all outstanding protests/appeals have been resolved.