

Rules Specialist Group 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing

'When boats meet' from different races

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Question

My question involves 'when boats meet' who are involved in different races with different clubs on the same water.

In a simple rule 10 encounter between two yachts not in the same fleet nor even the same club, what right to protest does the starboard tacker have if any and with whom is it lodged.

Answer

Part 5 PROTESTS, REDRESS, HEARING, MISCONDUCT AND APPEALS applies to all boats that are racing whether they are sailing in the same or a different race.

Therefore the starboard tack boat has the same rights to protest against a boat in another race as it has to protest a boat in its race.

The protest should be submitted to the organising authority of the protesting boat.
(RULE 61.3)

Please also note **RULE 63.8** which advises that a hearing involving parties in different events conducted by different organising authorities shall be heard by a protest committee acceptable to these authorities.

On behalf of the Rules Specialist Group
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