

## **Responsibilities of Protest Chairman**

Primary duty is to make sure that a protest committee is available per the sailing instructions of each regatta after the completion of the race (can be on call).

### **Regattas or races that require protest committees be available**

Cabrillo I, Cabrillo II, Cabrillo III and Cabrillo IV

SCYA Midwinters

Charity Bay Race

Oceanside to San Diego Race

Marina Del Rey to San Diego Race

This is pending review by Lynne Eddy

George Gray Single/Double- Handed

Arden

Bill Pattee Ensenada Warm Up Race

San Diego-Ensenada International Race

Ed Cotter, (every other year).

Protest Chairman should review the NOR/SI for details on when protest will be held and if any changes need to be made prior to the release of these documents. This is to make sure the instructions are consistent. In addition it will also tell the protest chairman the times when he will need the protest committee to be available.

### **Selecting the protest committee**

A normal protest committee is made up of three people that are not involved with the parties to the protest. This means that they should not have sailed in the same fleet or have any thing to gain by the decision of the committee.

The Protest Chairman should identify a person (preferably) with judging experience to chair the protest. He should also have identified 2 experienced racers to serve on the committee. These people should be on call or available at the club when the protest are to be heard.

### **Minimum Responsibilities if Protest Chairman**

The Protest Chairman after selecting the committee members can delegate the entire task to the person he has selected to conduct the protest hearing if that person is willing and capable.

### **Other things the Protest Chairman can do**

If the Protest Chairman has the knowledge and is able to serve on the protest committee there are a number of things he can do to expedite the proceedings.

- Be available for contact from the Race Committee
- Contact office/Race Committee prior to finish of race to see if any protest have been filed. This will allow the protest committee people who are on call to be contacted and get to the club in a timely manner.
- Contact committee members as required
- Get protest forms from the front office or race committee
- Have copies of the filed protest forms made for the protest committee, the protesting racers and to be posted in the club
- Post the protest form in the yacht club as required
- After the hearing post the ruling of the committee
- Inform the race committee scorer of the decisions that impact the scoring such as disqualification, redress or time penalty