

## SAILING COMMITTEE ....

### Rule 60.4 (b)

- (i) This rule placed an unwarranted onus on a protesting yacht to prove her innocence which is inconsistent with all other racing rules and the principles of natural justice.
- (ii) It leads to a yacht being penalised for a possible non-established infringement.
- (iii) It encourages unscrupulous competitors to use rule 60 to eliminate other competitors.

The South Australian Yacht Racing Association advised of a decision on an appeal handed down by the Racing Rules Committee concerning the S.A.Y.R.A. Standard Sailing Instruction for Class Boat Events and Regattas, namely, "THE ROUND THE ENDS RULE". The S.A.Y.R.A. advised that yachts breaching this sailing instruction shall only be disqualified by the decision of a Protest Committee, and the protestor shall be the Sailing or Race Committee. Members are referred to the Year Book - Special Squadron Regulations; Page 34 and in particular to clause 304.3.

It is the decision of the Sailing Committee to continue with the current practice for the remainder of this season and to vary clause 304 as necessary for next season.

Members will appreciate the new Weather Station installed in the foyer. Unfortunately we are all button-pushers and the station is attracting persons who do not understand the operation.

Please refrain from touching the station. The Sailing Committee records with thanks the work done by Mr. Kevin Boyle in programming the station.

The Sailing Staff continue to do an excellent job in conducting the races on our programme. However it is requested that any member who can assist by joining the team please come forward.

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The recent protest: Bella v. Sailing Committee created considerable interest and the following is the result with recommendations:

### PROTEST HEARING - 23 JANUARY 1982

#### BELLA v SAILING COMMITTEE

Protest was not upheld as the middle silt buoy was found to have navigational waters around it. Notice of foul ground was displayed on noticeboard.

The Committee felt a five minute allowance should be made to finishing time of the yacht Bella and placing corrected accordingly.

#### Recommendations to Sailing Committee:

1. Use of middle silt buoy should be phased out of the club racing programme, but not used at all in a low tide situation.
2. Inflatable buoys to be used as alternative.
3. The silt ground area as marked by its three markers is used for indiscriminate dumping by the Marine and Harbors and is really classified as foul ground.

Therefore, this problem could recur, forcing the Club to consider using other marks.

R.E. Francis (Chairman)

The committee has noted with regret the resignation of Mr. Bob Francis as chairman of the S.A.Y.R.A. Offshore Committee and records appreciation of his work as chairman of that committee over the past years.

Captain W.N. Henry has advised the Chairman of the Australian Yachting Federation Offshore Committee of his inability to continue in the position of Measurer to the International Offshore Rule.

Wilbur Tedmanson