

NESSA Annual Meeting
Sunday November 7, 2010
Tabor Academy – Lyndon South Auditorium
66 Spring Street. Marion, MA 02738
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. REPORTS:

A. SECRETARY/ TREASURER’S REPORT – Nick Judson

Secretary’s Report

- a. Minutes from the November 2009 NESSA Annual Meeting are displayed here now and will be posted on the web site along with the 2010 NESSA Annual Meeting minutes.
- b. Based upon by-laws (amended in November 2004), any regular member who has paid 2010-2011 dues and is in attendance has voting privileges for this meeting. That number stands at 61 as of November 6th, 2010.

A New Member School may request a change of status from New to Regular Member if they meet the requirements as listed in Section I; Article C: Membership of the By-Laws. No school has requested such a change, and has met the requirements necessary for that change.

- c. Attendance was taken when you registered. Please make sure you signed in so that you are on the official list.
- d. As of November 6th, 2010 NESSA has 63 member schools. 13 additional schools are registered pending dues. There were 91 paid members for the 2009-2010 season, up from 82 in 2008-2009. I expect our final membership numbers for 2010-2011 to be comparable to 2009-2010, but we have the potential to get see even higher numbers. Per NESSA by-laws Section I, Article C, sub-section 3, schools that do not pay their dues by the annual meeting “may not appear in the annual official NESSA active Membership List and may not be eligible for all NESSA sponsored regattas.” Schools that cannot abide by the organizations rules and regulation cannot expect to share in the benefits. All members from 2009-2010 will be offered an extension past the date of the annual meeting, and must have checks postmarked by December 20, 2010 or they will be declared ineligible for NESSA championship regattas. The Secretary/Treasurer is offering this 6-week extension for those who have not paid their dues yet. Members are being notified of this policy now. There will also be an email to the membership notifying all member schools of this decision.
- e. Probations:
 1. There currently are no schools on probation because of violations to Article L of the By-Laws.
 2. The following schools have been removed from the probation list:
 - a. **Brewster Academy** until 04-19-2010 – O’Day qualifier
 - b. **North Kingstown HS** until 05-09-2010 – Hereshoff Trophy
 - c. **Pingree HS** until 9-26-2010 –Healy Trophy (no show)
 3. There are no schools with a second violation of Article L while on probation.

Schools are reminded that they have an obligation to their competitors when registering for events, and are encouraged to review section L of the bylaws.

- f. All official correspondences are done via the website and the NESSA list-serves. Each school is responsible for checking the website and ensuring they are on the list-serves. Information for how to subscribe to the list-serves is on the website.
- g. The Website (www.NESSA-Sailing.org) is working well. You are expected to use it as the primary source of information. Ensure that your team roster and information on the NESSA site is accurate.

Treasurer's Report

- a. At the end of fiscal year 2009-2010 the balance in the account was \$7201.30
- b. Last Year – **expenses exceeded income** by - \$74.79
- c. Schools that host NESSA regattas and experience breakdowns are encouraged to contact the NESSA secretary/treasurer about availability of NESSA funds to assist with breakdown costs. Available funds will be used to assist host schools with those repairs.
- d. NESSA contracted with Regatta Network to do online registration for the 2010 Healy and the NESSA officers are exploring using them for some of this Spring's 2011 regattas.
- e. Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget are expected to exceed income by \$285.00

B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Rob Knecht

2010 REVIEW

1. NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

April 25 and 26, 2010

5 Qualifying Sites and Chairs:

1. Hyannis Yacht Club (MA)	Barnstable HS/ <i>Andrew Nugnes</i>	10 races/div, SW 10-15kts
2. SailMaine	SailMaine	6 races/div, NE 0-6kts
3. The Hotchkiss School	Hotchkiss/ <i>Roger Rowling</i>	4 races/div, All 0-8kts
4. BC High & Milton	BC & Milton/ <i>Mary F & Rob B</i>	8 races/div, NW8-10kts
5. St. Georges	<i>St. Georges/ Roy Williams</i>	

Qualifying Round, April 25, 2010

5 sites with 9-12 teams per site, a total of 52 teams sailed a qualifying round across New England in varied conditions with winds from 0-15knots. 3 schools from each site advanced to the Championship. Thank you to each of our hosts for running quality races to qualify 15 schools in 1 day, allowing the finals to be run the following day in Greenwich CT.

Advanced to Championship:

Barnstable Qualifier: Sharon (MA), Tabor (MA), Duxbury (MA).

SailMaine; Falmouth HS (ME), St. John's Prep (MA), Williams (CT). **Hotchkiss;** Hotchkiss (CT), Fairfield Ludlowe (CT), Darien (CT). **BC High & Milton;** Marblehead (MA), Milton (MA), Portsmouth Abbey (RI). **St. Georges Qualifier;** St. Georges (RI), East Lyme (CT), Green Farms Academy (CT).

Championship Regatta, April 26, 2010

Indian Harbor Yacht Club (CT)

NESSA President Andrew Nugnes

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: The day began with cold and rainy, very light wind conditions with hope of increasing wind throughout the day. Current would prove to be the deciding factor on the day, as the advantage would go to those teams that figured how to drive their bows down into the chop. The clouds did eventually roll in and the wind did pick up. 6 races were sailed in each division to determine the 2010 New England Fleet Champs.

Many thanks to Indian Harbor Yatch Club, and all of their crew for helping run the event.

Congratulations to Portsmouth Abbey for winning the 2010 O'Day Trophy and to the Hotchkiss School, St. Georges and Darien for also qualifying for the ISSA Fleet Racing Championship (Mallory trophy) sailed at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club (CT).

2. NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

May 15, 2010

MIT, Cambridge, MAPRO/*Fran Charles*

40 schools were ranked first thru last using the format (50% computer rankings, and 50% executive committee) set forth by the NESSA officers. The top 8 schools were determined by awarding automatic bids to schools ranked 1-4 (1- Hotchkiss, 2-St. Georges, 3-Tabor, and 4-St. Johns Prep). Schools ranked 5-8, who qualified for the Mallory, 6. Portsmouth Abbey and 7.Darien were awarded automatic births to the Mark (5. Nauset HS, 8-Duxbury) sailed 1 of 2 "Wild Card" regional regattas on May 8, 2010, against schools ranked 9-14 (9-Dartmouth, 10-N. Kingston, 11-Sharon, 12- Manchester/Essex, 13- Moses Brown, 14 – Green Farms) for the remaining 2 births.

Wild Card Regional Regattas – May 10, 2008

Duxbury(host) beat out Moses Brown, Manchester/Essex and Dartmouth to grab control of the 7th berth to the Mark Trophy. While North Kingstown took control of the 2nd Wild Card playoff against Nauset, Sharon HS(Host), and Green Farms earning the 8th and final spot.

MIT's Fran Charles was the race operator (Event Chair) and MIT was kind enough to host NESSA for the weekend. The Mark Trophy was sailed this year with on the water umpiring. The Rotation Dock was located near the Starting line which allowed for quick and efficient boat rotations. MIT's coach Matt Lindblat acted as chief umpire. He was assisted by NESSA's Mary Farrel and many other volunteers.

Qualifying Round: Breeze was on from the start and it shaped up to be a wind filled day of racing on the Charles. A well needed wind shift arrived shortly after 9am out of the right direction and racing began for the day around 10:30. A North West breeze 7-15kts with sunny skies made for perfect team racing conditions. 28 races were sailed in the qualifying round using a Digital N course to complete a full round robin around 3:30. Tabor led due to a tie break (6-1), St. Georges (6-1), then Hotchkiss in a four-way tie (3-4), Darien (3-4), North Kingston, and Portsmouth Abbey had to sail in a tie breaker round resulting in Hotchkiss and Darien advancing to the Championship Round with Tabor and St. Georges.

Championship Round: Racing resumed shortly after the completion of the Tie Breaker Round only allowing the RC to complete 6 races for a single round robin. The Championship round showed Tabors dominance with an undefeated performance in the 6 race round robin. Hotchkiss and St. Georges split the series with 3 wins and loses, but St Georges had more wins on the day. Congratulations to Tabor Academy for winning the NE team racing Championship. Both Tabor and St. Georges received births to the Baker Trophy held in Seattle, WA.

3. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

May 9, 2010

Maine Maritime Academy

MMA/Dee Powell

The 23rd Annual NESSA Women's Invitational Herreshoff Trophy was sailed Sunday, May 9, 2010 at Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, Maine.

11 teams competed with four races each for A & B divisions. The day was cool with temperatures in the mid to high 40's, WNW winds in the teens to low twenties kts and gusts a bit higher. The sailors handled their boats skillfully in the windy conditions with no collisions, clean starts and very few capsizes for the conditions. Two

protests were entered and resolved, one on the water and one on shore at the end of the day. Outstanding sportsmanship was demonstrated. The race management and on the water support team was at Maine Maritime's usual level of excellence. The final race was abandoned and the fleet called in for the day when a resounding gust of about 30kts rumbled through the fleet knocking down about half the boats just shy of the finish line. Thanks to all the teams who traveled many hours to come to Downeast Maine and sail in this race. Congratulations to Tabor Academy for winning the regatta. CT, RI, MA and ME were all represented in this event.

FALL 2010

4. 2011 NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)

September 26, 2010

Duxbury Bay Maritime School (MA) DBMS/Rob Knecht

The annual NESSA Single-handed Championships the Healy Trophy was sailed Sunday September 26, 2010 at The Duxbury Bay Maritime School, Duxbury, MA.

33 Radial and 17 full rig sailors sailed in Duxbury Bay on a sunny windy day. Racers were tested by the steady 15-20 kts NE breeze gusting to 25. One protest was heard in the Radial division and not allowed. A redress was heard in the radial division and the sailor was awarded their average points for race one. Special thanks to Rob Herd and Chuck Leonard for hearing protests and the DBMS volunteers for a job well done. Regatta Networks was used to register and score this event.

Winning the Full Rig Division and the Healy Trophy was Lucas Adams (Portsmouth Abbey) 2nd place - Dan Nickerson (The Williams School) 3rd place - Philip Lozier (Portsmouth Abbey) 4th place - Ian Ikeda (Duxbury)

Winning the Radial Rig Division and the Healy Trophy was Sarah Stubbs (Greenwich Academy) 2nd place - OJ O'Connell (East Lyme High School) 3rd place - Pearson Potts (St. Georges) 4th place - Catherine Shanahan (Portsmouth Abbey)

These eight sailors went on to represent NESSA in the Single Handed Nationals (the Cressy) in St. Pete, FL.

5. Polar Bear Open (Great Oakes Regatta Qualifier-1)

September 6, 2010

Bowdoin College Brunswick, ME

Bowdoin Sailing/Frank Pizzo

Twelve teams competed for the 2010 Polar Bear Open in Bowdoin's new fleet of FJs. Five races were completed in each division in a light and very shifty SE-SW breeze. All courses were W-4s. A big thanks to all the Polar Bears for helping to run the event including Katharine O'Brien on scoring and Joe Henderson in the mark boat. There were lots of fouls on the water which led to 4 DSQs.

			Points total
1. North Kingston HS	1 st Place	A 16 B 22	38
2. Falmouth HS	2 nd Place	A 25 B 15	40
3. St. John's Prep	3 rd Place	A 23 B 23	46

6. Casco Bay Fall Open (Great Oakes Qualifier- 2)

September 25, 2010

Sail Maine

Portland Maine

The Casco Bay Fall Open consisted of 14 teams from across the region sailing on Casco Bay in Portland, Maine. 3 races were sailed in each division. A special thanks to all of the programs from SailMaine that made this event possible

A division = 3 Races

B division = 3 Races

	A	B	Total
1. Falmouth ME	8	17	25
2. Brewster	18	13	31
3. St. John's Prep	7	24	31

7. Arnold Brown Regatta (Great Oakes Qualifier -3)

September 25, 2010

After an issue with the lack of cabs all seven teams arrived at the Lagoon Boathouse on Martha's Vineyard and were greeted to a building 20-knot southwesterly.

Seven teams including an 8th grade Martha's Vineyard team hit the water in short order and had their work cut out for them.. A long modified triangle windward

Thanks to Tristan Lodge who assisted me all day and to Vineyard Haven Yacht Club, which loaned us the 8th 420.

In the end there was no stopping NK, but Marblehead, Xavier and East Lyme all sailed extremely fast as well. The top 4 boats were usually finishing within a boat length of each other. A windward leeward windward was set and 7 races were completed for each division. I must say, despite a few capsizes, everyone handled the conditions exceptionally well. Many thanks to everyone who made the trip to M.V.

1st N. Kingston (27)	5th MV 1 (64)
2nd Marblehead (34)	6th MV 2(86)
3rd East Lyme (55)	7th Dover-S (88)
4th Xavier (60)	8th Hingham (94)

8. NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy) (Great Oakes Qualifer – 4)

October 11 & 12, 2010

Community Boating Inc.

Mass Bay League/Carl Zimba

The Fall Funfest for the Gleekman Trophy was held on a beautiful autumn day on the Charles River. The morning started out chilly with overnight low in the 30s, but the day warmed up to the mid-60s. The wind was from the west, a good direction for the Charles. For the first four races, the breeze was 5-10 knots, picking up to 10-15 knots for the rest of the event. All courses were modified post triangles.

While many protests were reported to RC, only one was filed resulting in a DSQ. Two redresses were granted, one for a broken sidestay and another when the Xavier boat stopped racing in Race 5A to rescue a Sharon sailor that had fallen overboard.

PRO was Jeff Hodess. Event Chair was Carl Zimba. Thanks go to the staff at Community Boating and to the handful of coaches that assisted on RC and protest/redress hearings.

North Kingstown HS failed to turn in a RP form and is penalized 20 points per division according to ISSA

Procedural Rule 4.3(a).

A division = 7 Races

B division = 7 Races

	A	B	Total
1. Duxbury	20	45	65
2. Falmouth (ME)	13	54	67
3. Southern Maine	38	37	75

2011 SEASON

2011 Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

April 16-17, 2011

Qualifying Regatta's - Saturday, April 16, 2011

Venues with 10+ boats needed. **Sites are confirmed.** NOR's out in January 2011

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| 1. Tabor, MA | 4. Portland, ME |
| 2. Lakeville, CT | 5. Boston, MA |
| 3. Newport, RI | |

Championship Regatta – Sunday, April 17, 2011

TBA.

Possible "MIT"

2011 Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

Saturday and Sunday – May 14-15, 2011

Site needed for 8 teams. 18 boats

2011 Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

Sunday – May 22nd, 2011

Site needed for 15 teams

2012 Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)

Sunday – October 2nd, 2011

Need a site that can accommodate 50+ Lasers

2011 Polar Bear Open (tentative)

Sunday September 4, 2011

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

2011 Arnold Brown Regatta (tentative)

Saturday September 17, 2011

Vineyard Haven YC, Martha's Vineyard

2011 Casco Bay Fall Open (tentative)

Sunday September 25th, 2011

Sail Maine – Portland ME

2011 Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)

Sat October 10th, 2011

Community Boating, Boston

Regatta Chair- Carl Zimba

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Andrew Nugnes

BACKGROUND

My name, for those of you who don't know me, or don't get my thousands of annoying emails, is Andrew Nugnes and I have been involved with NESSA as a sailor, coach and officer for over 12 years. When I was in high school I sailed for Barnstable, the same team I am the head coach of now and for the past 5 seasons I have enjoyed my role as both Vice President and President of NESSA.

COMMUNICATION

2 Years ago, Doug Heil, Evan Olmstead and I worked diligently to make all NESSA business more available and easy to find. Through our efforts we devised a letter that is now sent, at the beginning of every season, to all Athletic Directors at sailing High

Schools. This letter outlines how NESSA operates as an organization; it explains the duties of ISSA and explains how NESSA communicates with its members. Because of this initial letter and all my emails, we have seen more NESSA teams pre-register than ever before.

1 year ago, Beth Holland, from St. Georges, developed a “New School” Sailing Blog that can be found on the NESSA site or at newsailingteams.blogspot.com. This site is filled with pertinent information for teams that are just getting up and running. It answers many FAQ’s that most teams would find useful. Please be sure to check it out if you have not already.

This year, Carl Zimba researched a new community email service provider. Googlegroups is more reliable and does not seem to lose emails as frequent as Topica did. We will continue to use both email options for now until everyone has made the switch over. The email address to subscribe is NESSA-sailing+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Finally, Rob Hurd worked really hard to switch over the NESSA website so we could access complete control and be able to manipulate this site at any time and in any direction we wanted to take it. It is more cost effective for NESSA to use and information is posted at an extremely fast rate. All coaches or parent advisors should be using this website on a regular basis. Our address is www.nessa-sailing.org.

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AND PROTEST EDICOTT

I suppose ever since I learned how to sail it was instilled in me that sailing was a gentlemen’s/lady’s sport. Each captain, sailor, crew, etc. is responsible for making sure they follow the rules of the road. And in the same breath it is up to those surrounding vessels to police certain situations in which the rule was broken. Let’s be honest, at some point rules will be broken, contact will be made, a mark will be hit. I have seen many races at all levels, whether it be New England’s, Nationals, or just a head to head match-up, both varsity or sub varsity. One observation that I have made in this time is that the best teams are well coached on the rules and what to do when a rule is broken. The fastest way out of a sticky situation is to take responsibility and spin your protest circle(s).

What I have also seen, unfortunately, are teams trying to manipulate the rules of sailing in order to better their personal or team’s position. This usually turns into a yelling match on the water, and then valuable time lost in the protest room when more sailing could have been done instead. This is a problem, not only for NESSA schools but the entire country as well. We, as coaches, need to take responsibility and teach our teams correctly. Webster’s definition of sportsmanship is “*one who plays fair and can lose without complaint or win without gloating.*” There are too many times when I have witnessed foul language being exchanged between opposing boats during a rule dispute. Then when they face each other in the protest hearing, they begin to argue back and forth, becoming extremely frustrated with each other and with the decision that is made.

I urge all teams to teach the rules. Barnstable meets in the off season to go over the rule book, discuss certain situation that have come up and strategies what to do when they do arise. Colin Merrick and Amanda Callahan, coaches at Roger Williams, gave a great seminar on rules and coaching tips last February to all of NESSA, and we hope to bring them back for a follow up session this winter.

We understand that most head to head match ups do not have judges to patrol the race course. We understand that rules will be broken and that protest will occur. Just remember that a judge should never need to be used to decide the outcome of a race. Remind your sailors to settle the race on the water. If a protest has to occur, make sure it is used as a teaching mechanism for future situations and protests. Have the two boats (sailors) introduce themselves and be polite to one another. If we act as positive role models to our sailors they will follow our lead. Let’s lead by example and show respect for all teams on the water.

NESSA's DIRECTION

With 91 member schools in 2010, NESSA is a strong district committed to its members. Quality of racing, an increased level of competition and ability, and creating more opportunities across the board are most important to NESSA and its members.

Last year, at this time, the NESSA officers and membership were made aware that there weren't enough opportunities for those mid-level teams to further their seasons. I believe NESSA has done a great job in the last year to turn that around.

Last season we sent 3 teams to the spring ACC's, 4 more teams will go to the Fall ACC's next weekend, and we will continue to support this program with more inventive ways of qualifying more mid-level high schools.

The Terk Invitational was a huge success last year. 8 teams, ranked 9-16, were invited, who did not get a chance to go to the Mark Trophy. Over 60 races were sailed, and all had the opportunity to be apart of a mid-level championship. We look forward to hosting that event this year as well.

Last year the C&I League decided to hold their own championships at the end of the season. We found it to be appropriate to get the 12 schools together and have our own fleet, team and women's championships. This gave all of us more opportunities to keep sailing and show the kids what the higher level championship looks like and how they are run. More regattas for more teams to take part in. I encourage all districts, leagues, and states to do the same if they have not already done so. It seems that more and more teams are playing the game, getting out there in the Fall and Spring and doing as many regattas as possible. Keep up the good work and don't be afraid to host something that's been around, such as an O'day qualifier or the Mark Trophy, or even something new that you think would be fun. The more people that get involved and lend a hand the better for NESSA and its members.

SAFETY

The last point I would like to make is that of Safety. It is imperative that as coaches we act as positive role models, not only during protest situations and sportsmanship, but for safety as well. We all should wear US Coast Guard Approved Lifejackets at all times on the water. That should go for parents, spectators, judges, opponent coaches etc.....Please help NESSA in their efforts of promoting safe sailing at all levels.

Thank You

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report from the ISSA Annual Meeting - Rob Hurd
- b. Baker 2012 Update – Andrew Nugnes
- c. Awarding of the Stephan B. Leslie Sportsmanship Award - Andrew Nugnes
- d. ISSA database- each school should check their ISSA directory page – Andrew Nugnes
- f. Report on ACC's (Proposals for qualifying procedures) - Andrew Nugnes

Proposal #1 – Fall Intersectional qualification procedures (ACCs and Great Oaks)

1. Schools interested in representing NESSA at either the Fall ACCs or the ISSA Great Oaks (GOR) must register their interest with the NESSA VP by September 15th. Schools interested in the either the Fall ACCs and/or the Great Oaks must meet eligibility requirements as prescribed in the Notice of Race (NOR).
2. The top finisher(s) at each of the ACC qualify regatta will earn the opportunity to represent NESSA at the Fall ACCs. The NESSA officers will determine which regatta(s) are qualifiers by August 15th each year based upon the criteria listed below

3. The top finisher(s) at each of the GOR qualify regatta will earn the opportunity to represent NESSA at the GORs. The NESSA officers will determine which regatta(s) are qualifiers by September 1st each year.
4. A school can represent NESSA at either the Fall ACCs or the GOR but not both.

Fall ACC and GOR Qualifying regatta guidelines.

To be considered as a Fall ACC qualifying regatta or a GOR qualifier, a regatta host must agree to the following guidelines.

1. The event must have at least 10 schools competing.
2. Regattas must submit NORs for posting by Sept 1st each year.
3. Regatta must use NESSA registration procedural rules when dealing with non-NESSA teams that are not host schools/teams.
4. Regattas agree to use the Navy Scoring program with Race Participation data included.

Proposal #2 – Spring qualification procedures (ACCs)

1. Schools interested in representing NESSA at the Spring ACCs must register their interest in being considered with the NESSA VP at the time that registration for the NESSA Team Racing Championship is due.* It is possible to register for the NESSA Team Racing Championship and not express an interest in the Spring ACCs.
2. Schools must meet eligibility requirements as prescribed in the Notice of Race (NOR).
3. The opportunity to represent NESSA at the Spring ACCs will be awarded to schools based upon the following order:
 - i. First through eighth at the NESSA Team Racing Championships
 - ii. First through last at the Terk Invite
 - iii. Rank in the final NESSA Team Racing Standings

* In certain years, when advanced airline ticket purchase is required, schools may be asked to express their interest in representing NESSA with a deposit

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Cressy 2013 Accepting Bids
- b. Mike Hebert - Nantasket
- c. Plastic Bottle Ban

"The directive issued includes a requirement for NESSA regatta hosts to provide a suitable water source to replace bottled water customarily purchased by each sailing team at each regatta throughout the sailing season. High School sailors are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles to events. Recycling bins will also be provided at each regatta site. The stated purpose of this initiative is to "eliminate the amount of single-use water bottles at NESSA events to the extent practicable."

Question 1: Once the "round the ends rule" is in effect during a HS regatta (based on 7.8b HS Procedural Rules), does it stay up for the remainder of the regatta? I can't find anything outlining this in the procedural rules or in the RRS.

7.8(b) General Recalls - After a General Recall, the "Round the-Ends Rule" provisions of RRS 30.1 shall apply. Flag I need not be displayed. (This changes RRS 30.1.)

Question 2: Some coaches think the word "intention" is confusing.... "Intention to file a protest" could mean that a coach can communicate with their sailors as soon as the form has been passed in. Also, if the protest has been filed (in other words the sailor has communicated to the RC that they are protesting a boat, i.e. reported the protest to the race committee) on the water, isn't the coach able to communicate with sailors to support them in the hearing?

(8) COACHING (pg. 15-16) *(b) Before Protesting - A competitor shall not communicate with anyone other than teammates or other competitors before reporting to the Race Committee an intention to file a protest. Breaking this rule may be grounds for closing the protest hearing. (Changes RRS 61).*

5. ADJORN
