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Situation

A competitor has rented the boat he is sailing in a regatta. In one race, the boat is being protested for a breach of a rule of Part 2. In the hearing the boat is disqualified. No representative of the rental company was on-board the boat during the race.

Question 1

In such a situation, may a representative of the rental company appeal the decision of the protest committee?

Answer 1

Only a party to a hearing may appeal a decision of a protest committee. The Definition Party does not include a representative of a rental company. See rule 70.1(a).

Question 2

If the answer to Question 1 is no, may the representative be considered as an interested party?

Answer 2

The question of whether a person associated with a boat is an interested party is relevant only to protests, under rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). It is not relevant to appeals.

Question 3

If the answer to Question 2 is that the representative could be considered as an interested party, may he as such appeal the decision?

Answer 3

No. See Answers 1 and 2.