

Protests Checklist

1. Have available experienced people for a protest committee.
2. Make sure you have a copy of the current “**Racing Rules of Sailing**” available.
3. Make sure you have a copy of “**Special Rules for Access Dinghies March 2008**” (this is included in the events pack).
4. Please make sure the protest committee is made aware of the rules that have to be taken into account by protest committees in the “Special Rules for Access Dinghies March 2008”, **namely rules 12, 13 a to d and 14.**
5. **Your attention is brought to rule 12** of the “Special Rules for Access Dinghies March 2008” which makes allowance for settling protests before a protest committee hearing (specifying options and penalties). The Association will make every effort to have an arbitrator available to anyone using rule 12 if required.
6. We recommend the organisers insisted on using the rule 12 process with an arbitrator to advise before any protest hearing is considered. This is because the outcome of the rule 12 process will be either a withdrawal of the protest, an acceptance of the prescribed penalty or a full protest hearing. As the full protest hearing will carry the risk of disqualification which in some cases cannot be discarded in the day’s race series it is our belief that most people would settle before the hearing and much time will be saved.