

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 2009-2012 (RRS)**” available. A copy can be downloaded or printed from <http://www.accessclass.org/> - Technical Section.
3. Make sure you have a copy of “ **ACA(UK) Special Class Rules - January 2010**” (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 laid out in the “**ACA(UK) Sailing Instructions – Jan 2010 (Amended February)**”, namely rules 10.1 to 10.4 .
5. **Your attention is brought to rule 10.4** of the “ACA(UK)Sailing Instructions – Jan 2010 (Amended February)” which makes allowance for settling protests before a protest committee hearing (specifying options and penalties). The Association will make every effort to have an advisor available to anyone using rule 10.4 if the host club cannot provide one.
6. We recommend the organisers insist on using the S.I. rule 10.4 process with an advisor before any protest hearing is considered. This is because the outcome of the rule 10.4 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.