



30th Raja Muda Selangor International Regatta 2019

Question for Officials

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Question For: Race Committee

Question:

My protest is invalid because I flew a red T-shirt instead of a red flag. Why can't I use a red T-shirt as a protest flag?

Answer:

A red T-shirt cannot be used as a Protest Flag. **World Sailing Case 72** refers.

World Sailing Case 72

Rule 61.1(a), Protest Requirements: Informing the Protestee.

Discussion of the word "flag".

Question What is the test of whether an object is a flag within the meaning of rule 61.1(a)?

Answer In the context of rule 61.1(a), a flag is used as a signal to communicate the message "I intend to protest." Only if the object used as a flag communicates that message, with little or no possibility of causing confusion on the part of those on competing boats, will the object qualify as a flag. A flag must be seen primarily to be a flag.