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Jury Hearings – Guidelines

1. The location of the hearing room will be indicated on the Official Notice Board at each venue.
2. Hearings will normally start promptly at the advertised time – please do not be late.
3. Dress code is casual.
4. Team observers are welcome (2 representatives per Team not directly involved in the case)
5. Authorised observers from the VOR press office are welcome to attend.
6. Observers from the Organising Authority, the Race Committee and the Rules Management Group may attend.
7. Other observers may be permitted at the discretion of the Jury Chairman (depending on space).
8. The Jury may invite observers to make oral submissions; e.g. in redress cases regarding the appropriateness of a redress decision, or in a protest hearing regarding the appropriateness of a proposed penalty.
9. Witnesses must not attend as observers.
10. A VOR Film crew may attend to take a video of the initial stages and the giving of the decision, but not during the taking of evidence.
11. Parties bringing video evidence or electronic evidence must provide the necessary equipment; however an overhead projector and screen will be provided by the Organising Authority.

12. Extract from RRS:

63.3 Right to Be Present

- (a) The *parties* to the hearing, or a representative of each, have the right to be present throughout the hearing of all the evidence. When a *protest* claims a breach of a rule of Part 2, 3 or 4, the representatives of boats shall have been on board at the time of the incident, unless there is good reason for the protest committee to rule otherwise. Any witness, other than a member of the protest committee, shall be excluded except when giving evidence.
- (b) If a *party* to the hearing of a *protest* or request for redress does not come to the hearing, the protest committee may nevertheless decide the *protest* or request. If the *party* was unavoidably absent, the committee may reopen the hearing.

Bryan Willis
Jury Chairman
1st January 2009