



# 2022 RS QUEST Racing Series

Sept. 03, Oct. 22, Dec. 10

Organizing Authority (OA): Sea Masters Academy Panama (SMAP)

Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions

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## 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. RRS Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on the water, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing.
- 1.3. Appendix V Rule V1 (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) shall apply: The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.4. Appendix V Rule V2 (PENALTY TAKEN AFTER A RACE) shall apply.
- 1.5. A minimum of 4 One-Design boats would be needed for an official fleet or Class start

## 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The series is to be sailed in the SMAP fleet of RS QUEST type boats.

## 3. Registration and Entry Fees

- 3.1. Entry **fees** for the **series**, **per sailor**, is:
  - 3.1.1. SMAP MEMBER = \$75 / sailor
  - 3.1.2. NON-SMAP = \$100 / sailor
- 3.2. Charter **Boat fee**, per **team** is **\$150 / event**
- 3.3. Entry fee includes lunches on race days for on-the-water consumption
- 3.4. Entry fee includes RS QUEST SERIES Gill UVTEC long-sleeve shirt

## 4. Schedule

- 4.1. Races are scheduled for September 3, October 22, December 10.

4.2. The first warning signal for all three events is scheduled for 10:30

4.3. The race committee will attempt to run 3-4 races each day and no more than 6 races.

## 5. Notices to Competitors

5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Sea Masters Academy (SMAP) office

## 6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

6.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions on the first day of racing will be posted after the skipper's meeting.

6.2. Changes may be implemented on-the-water with "L" flag displayed and hailing competitors to the signal boat for instructions.

## 7. Signals Made Ashore

7.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SMAP Office

7.2. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in Race Signal AP. This changes Rule Race Signal AP.

## 8. Schedule of Races

8.1. A maximum of 6 races are scheduled per event

Time frames

0830	Check-in/ Boat Rigging
0900	Skippers Briefing Update
1030	First Warning
1230	Break
1300	Post Break First Warning
1500	No Start After

## 9. Racing Area

- 9.1. The racing area will be in the waters East of Shelter Bay Marina and South of the Break Water, and bounded by the Panama Canal Channel . The Panama Canal is a restricted area and shall not be entered.

## 10. Courses and Roundings

- 10.1. The courses are depicted in Attachment A.  
10.2. Roundings are to port or starboard, depending on the course.

## 11. Marks

- 11.1. The one windward mark and reaching mark shall be yellow inflatables.  
11.2. The leeward marks should be orange

## 12. Class/Fleet Flags

- 12.1. Class/Fleet flags and assignments are as follows:

RS Quest: RS Quest flag



## 13. The Start

- 13.1. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26 - Five minute starting sequence.



### RRS 26 Starting Sequence (without starting penalties)

TIME BEFORE START SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL	FLAG
Warning 5 minutes	one short blast	↑ Class flag
Preparatory 4 minutes	one short blast	↑  P flag
1 minute	one LONG blast	↓  P flag
Start - 0 minutes	one short blast	↓ Class flag

- 13.2. The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an **orange flag** on the **Race Signal Boat** and staff or halyard displaying an **orange flag** on the **Pin Boat** .

- 13.3. If Pin Boat is not available, the other end of the starting line should be a **yellow inflatable mark**
- 13.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.
- 13.5. The starting line is not restricted.

#### **14. Recalls**

- 14.1. The race committee will endeavor to identify recalled boats by hailing their sail numbers by loud hailer.
- 14.2. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification and the order and timing of such hail shall not be grounds for redress.

#### **15. The Finish**

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race signal boat and a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the pin boat.
- 15.2. When a pin boat is not available, the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race signal boat and an orange inflatable mark diagonal to the signal boat when Course A, B, C, or D, is in effect.
- 15.3. When Course E is in effect, the the finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race signal boat and a yellow inflatable mark on the pin side of the signal boat, in other words the starting line is the finish line.

#### **16. Time Limits**

- 16.1. The target time for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 20-25 minutes.
- 16.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in the fleet that sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

#### **17. Protests and Requests For Redress**

- 17.1. Protests and redress will be addressed on the docks within 30 minutes of the Signal Boat docking after racing. A 3-minute justice system will be used. This will include the protestor, the protestee and any rules-oriented competitor not a party to the action. The Organizing Authority, and the PRO will be observers/advisors to the process. See Attachment B.

#### **18. Scoring**

- 18.1. One race will constitute a series.
- 18.2. When four (4) or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3. When five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 18.4. The boat with the lowest series score wins and others shall be ranked accordingly. This is the Low Point System.
- 18.5. A boat that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 18.6. Scoring for all three RS QUEST RACING Series competitors will be by accumulation of points from all three events, with no discards.

## **19. Prizes**

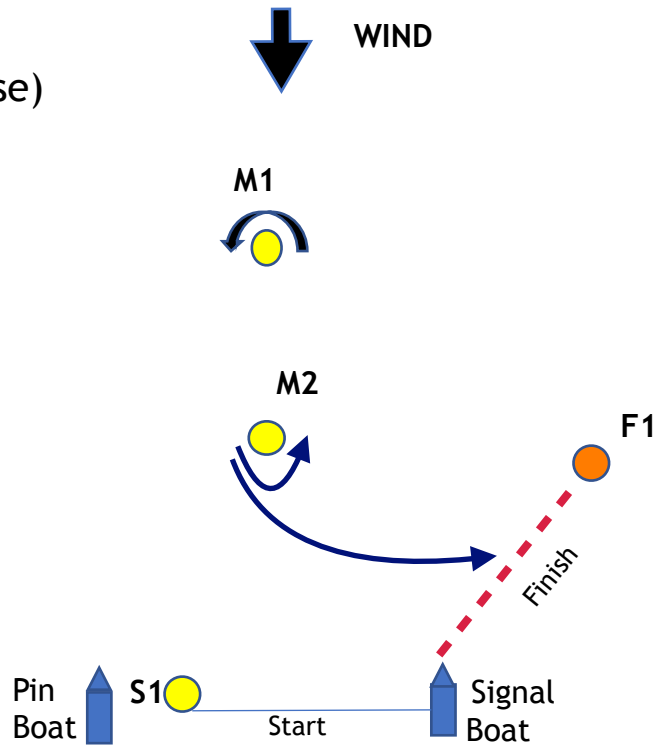
- 19.1. Trophies will be awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> boats overall winners from all three events
- 19.2. Gifts will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> boats overall winners from all three events
- 19.3. Goodies will be awarded only to all competitors that participate in all three events

## **20. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## Attachment A Course A Layout

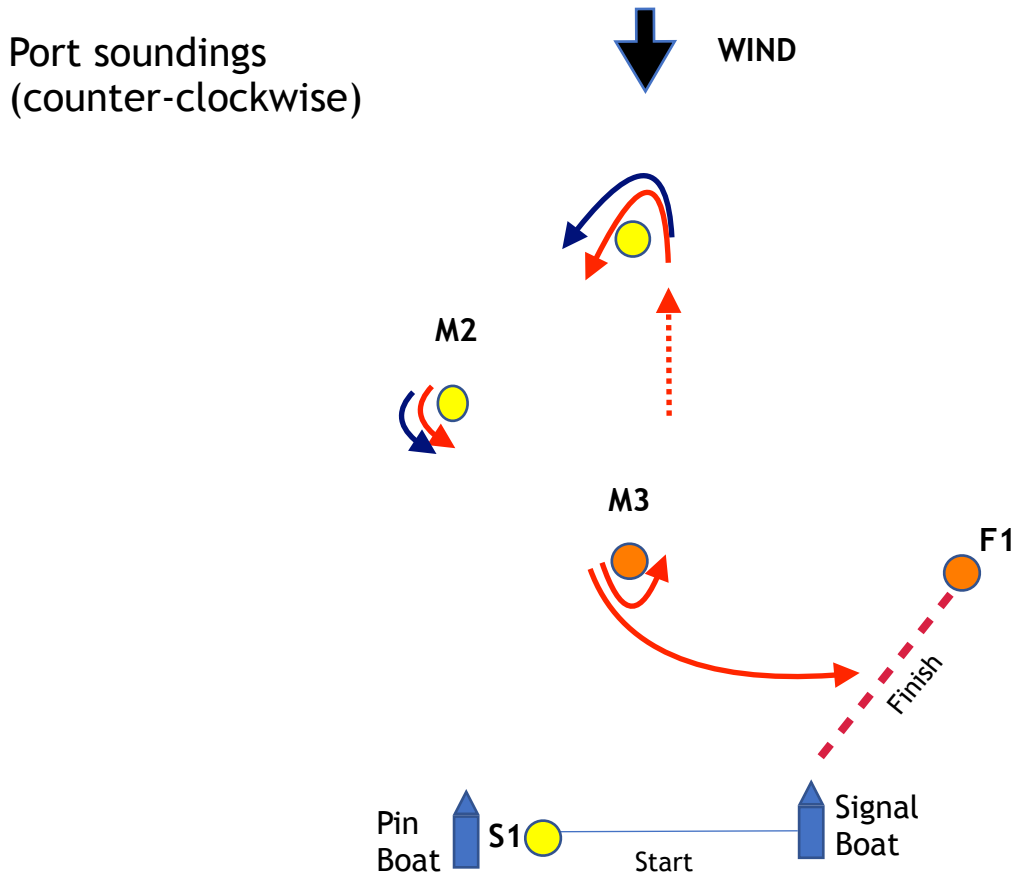
Port soundings  
(counter-clockwise)



Mark	Description
M1	Yellow inflatable - Windward Long Course
M2	Yellow inflatable - Windward Short Course
F1	Orange inflatable - Finish line
S1	Yellow Inflatable - Pin end Starting line

Course	Roundings
1-1	Start - M1 - M2 - Finish
1-2	Start - M1 - M2 - M1 - M2-Finish

## Attachment **Course B** Layout

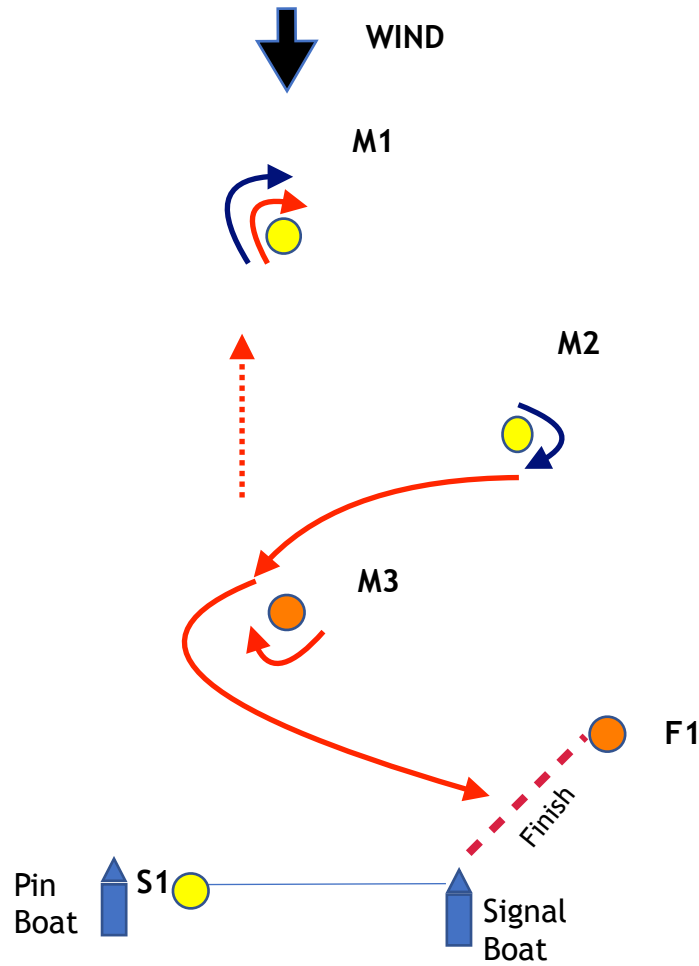


Mark	Description
M1	Yellow inflatable -
M2	Yellow inflatable -
M3	Orange inflatable -
F1	Orange inflatable - Finish line
S1	Yellow Inflatable - Pin end Starting line

Laps	Roundings
1	Start - M1 - M2 - M3 - Finish
2	Start - M1 - M2 - M3 - M1 - M2 - M3 - Finish

## Attachment **Course C** Layout

Starboard roundings  
(clockwise)



Mark	Description
M1	Yellow inflatable
M2	Yellow inflatable
M3	Orange inflatable
F1	Orange inflatable - Finish line
S1	Yellow Inflatable - Pin end Starting line

Laps	Roundings
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2	Start - M1 - M2 - M3 - M1 - M2 - M3 - Finish



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## 18. Scoring

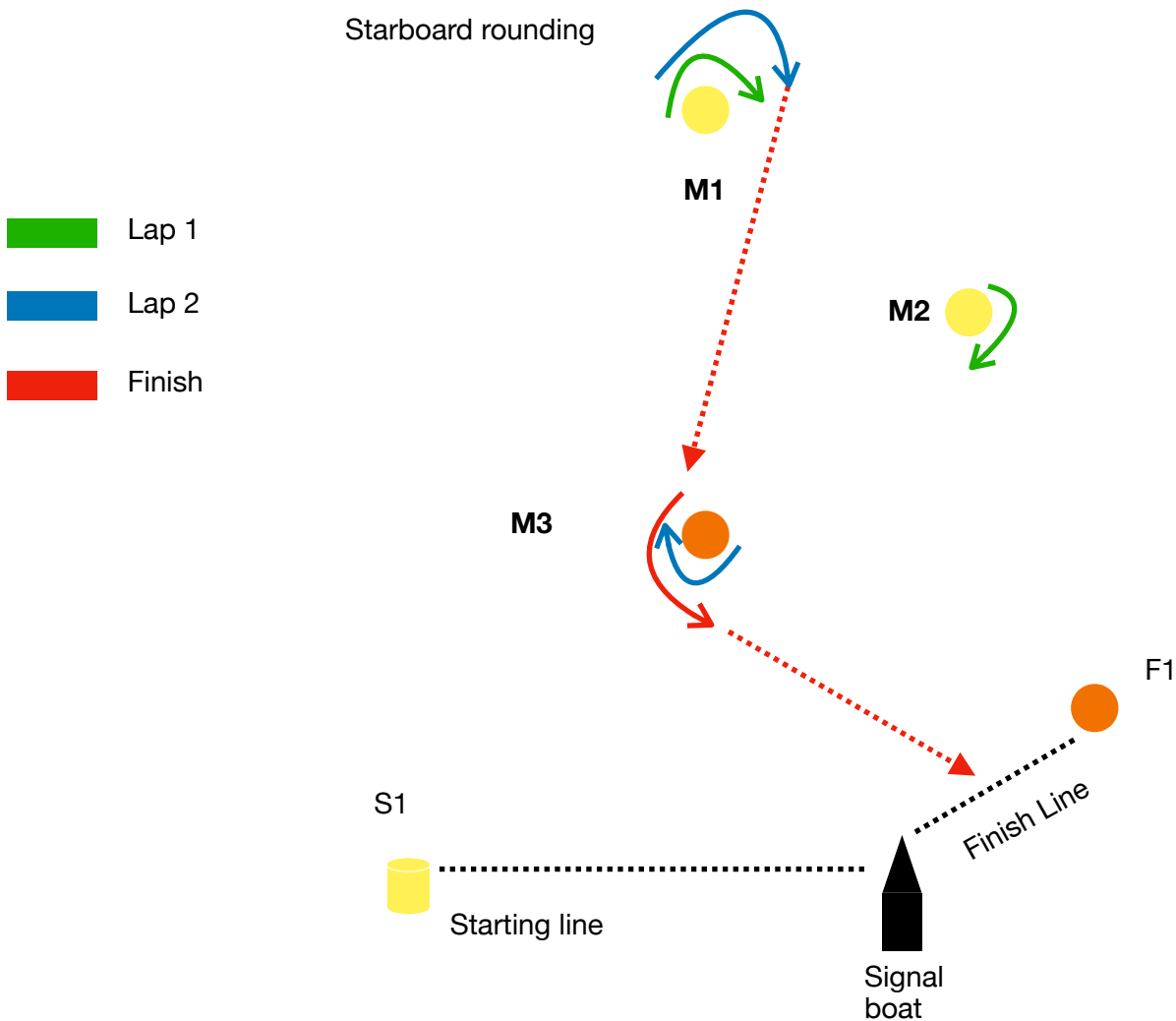
18.6 The following has been deleted:

*Scoring for all three RS QUEST RACING Series competitors will be by accumulation of points from all three events, with no discards.*

The following has been added:

*Scoring for all three events, when 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores. When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.*

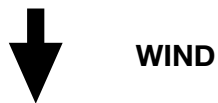
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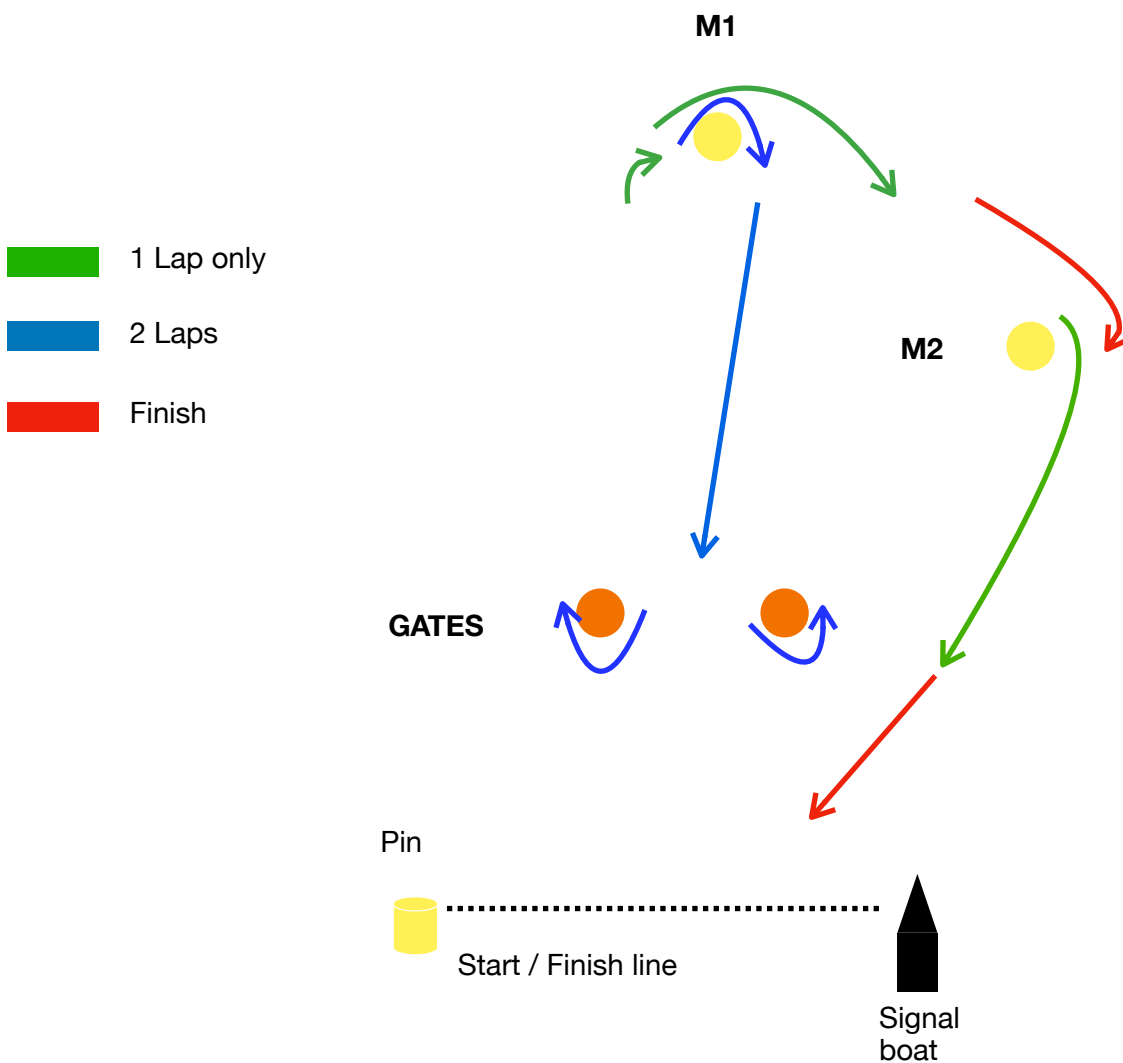
Mark	Description
M1	Yellow inflatable - Windward Long Course
M2	Yellow inflatable - Windward Short Course
M3	Orange inflatable - Windward Short Course
F1	Orange inflatable - Finish line
S1	Yellow Inflatable - Pin end Starting line

Course	# laps	Roundings
1	1	Start - M1 - M2 - M3 - Finish
1-2	2	Start - M1 - M2 - M3 - M1 - M3 - Finish

**Course E Layout - STARBOARD ROUNDINGS**



**Starboard rounding**



Mark	Description
M1	Yellow inflatable - Windward Long Course
M2	Yellow inflatable - Windward Short Course
Gates	Orange inflatable - Long course
Pin	Yellow Inflatable - Pin end Starting line

# laps	Roundings
1	Start - M1 - M2 - Finish
2	Start - M1 - GATES - M1 - M2 - Finish

## **B - Three Minute Justice**

- B.1 Three Minute Justice will apply to a boat protesting under the rules of Part 2 and rule 31.
- B.2 The protestor shall inform the protestee and the RC as soon as practicable after finishing of her intent to protest.
- B.3 Hearings will be held on the dock after racing has finished for the day.
- B.4 Each party selects one rules-savvy jury member from the fleet who was not a party to the incident.
- B.5 Each party has one minute to present its case and ask questions of the other party. The jury has one minute to deliberate in private, and come to a decision.
- B.6 A boat found at fault will be disqualified. Decisions are final and cannot be appealed.
- B.7 If the jury cannot reach a decision, the protest is disallowed.