

## **ENGINE PROTEST PROCEDURE**

Upon a protest being lodged against a team regarding engine eligibility the following procedure will be applied:

- The current protest procedure and fee will be applied.
- ❖ A bond of \$3,000.00 payable to the NZOPA and held by the NZOPA until an official decision is made.
- NZOPA technical officer to co-ordinate with protested team the removal of vessel from the water.
- ❖ After wash down and engine flush the engine hatch and or cowl will be sealed by appropriate means.
- ❖ At an agreed time and place between parties the engine/s will be inspected and a report on the outcome submitted to the NZOPA for discussion and a ruling submitted to the protesting team.
- The seal shall remain in place and if broken or tampered with will cause immediate disqualification, this decision remains entirely with the NZOPA technical officer.
- ❖ Should the engine/s be legal ALL appropriate costs involved shall be payable by the protesting team.
- ❖ Should the engine/s be illegal ALL appropriate costs involved shall be payable by the protested team, the bond refunded to the protesting team and necessary disciplinary action taken.