



Singapore National Sailing Championships 2025

Question for Officials

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Question No: 01

Question For: Race Committee

Question:

Formal Letter to the Competition Committee Dear Members of the Competition Committee, I am writing to formally report the issues with the rented boats I encountered during the competition, which severely disrupted my performance.

On the first day of the competition, my boat had a severe water leak. After beaching the boat, it took me three minutes to drain all the water by removing the drain plug, and this process was recorded on video. As a result, I had to switch to a new boat. However, on the second day, the replacement boat leaked even more badly. It moved extremely slowly at sea and was finally towed to shore by a coach boat, making me the last sailor to reach the shore. According to the result sheet of the 6th round, I was ranked 22nd. In fact, due to the severe water leak, I could not complete the race. After rounding the first mark, I withdrew from that day's competition and headed for the shore, so my actual result for that round should be "Did Not Finish (DNF)". At that time, all on-site staff came to help tow my boat because the boat was heavily flooded inside, and they all witnessed the severe water leak of my boat. I then switched to another boat again. Unfortunately, on the third day of the competition, the newly replaced boat still had a water leak. When draining water after beaching, I noticed a suspected leak near the drain plug. I blocked the drain plug and kept the boat tilted, which confirmed the leak, and this process was also recorded on video.

Over the first three days of the competition, the severe water leaks of the boats seriously affected my normal sailing speed, steering, and downwind surfing during the races. Due to these water leaks, I was greatly disturbed in the competitions over these three days and could not perform at my full potential. There is a rental relationship between your side and me regarding the boats. After I paid the boat rental fee normally, your side should provide qualified boats that can be used for the competition normally. Therefore,

the fact that I could not participate in the competition normally due to the boats' water leaks means your side failed to fulfill the contract. I hope the event organizing team can handle this matter fairly, justly and properly and provide a solution. This morning, I met with Kenny and explained the situation. Kenny listened patiently and answered some of my questions. During the entire competition, the atmosphere was harmonious and friendly, leaving us with a very good experience. However, the quality of the equipment provided is really unsatisfactory. We point out these problems in the hope that the competition will keep improving in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Tony Ma

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Answer:

The Organising Authority acknowledges the letter submitted by Mr Tony Ma regarding rented boats.

The matter has been reviewed, resolved, and addressed directly with the party concerned. No further action will be taken.

This notice serves to close the matter.

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