DECISION

Protest by RC Event: 2019 Rolex Fastnet Race Race Number: 1 Hearing Date: 2019-08-08

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Race Committee

Respondent(s): OD - IMOCA 60 - FRA1000 - Groupe Apicil - Damien Seguin

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Hearing in the absence of the protestee according to RRS 63.3(b)

FACTS FOUND

FRA1000 ran aground at about 13:50 on August 3rd. FRA1000 received outside assistance from a rib, preventing the boat from running aground and risking demolition. FRA1000 cleared the bank at 14:05. FRA1000 failed to report this incident in their race declaration form.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

FRA1000 by receiving outside assistance broke RRS 41. FRA1000 by failing to report the incident broke SI 26.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2019-08-08 14:20 BST FRA1000 to be scored with a time penalty which results in her position being equal to 16th place (approximately 20%) No other boat's position to be affected.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Thomas Rinda (USA) Committee Members: Egil Wold (NOR), Thibaut Gridel (FRA), Tom Sheppard (HKG), Mufti Kling (GER)

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