

Request for Redress

Protest No: 02

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1. Event Name: 2024 BPI Boracay 200 and 2024 BPI Boracay Inshores

Protest On: 2024-02-24

Race No: 1

2. Hearing Type

- Protest
- Protest by RC
- Protest by PC
- Protest by TC

- Request to Reopen
- Reopening by PC
- Request for Redress
- Request for Redress by RC

3. Protestor

IRC Racing - SIN270 - Sabad - Bobby Benares

4. Protestees

1. Race Committee

5. Incident

Time Place: Start of Subic to Boracay Race

Rules: No rules broken but confusion in written sailing instructions leading to confusion on the course

Witnesses:

6. Informing Protestee

Hail:

Hail When:

Hail Comment:

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment

Other:

Other Comment: By phone after the finish

7. Description Of Incident

Sabad would like to make a request for redress considering confusing wording on Section 8: Course section of the Sailing Instructions. This confusing wording has resulted in Sabad, and other boats, to take an unnecessarily longer course in the race than needed.

Specifically, Section 8.1 states and is shown in the Sailing Instructions specifically as follows:

“8.1 The course will be:

Start. Off The Lighthouse Grande Island Port”

The confusion stems from the wording “Off The Lighthouse Grande Island Port”. To our knowledge, there is no such location as “The Lighthouse Grande Island Port”. Further, the coordinates of the Start as stated in Section 8.2 of the Sailing Instructions translate to an area of Subic Bay in the immediate area of the The Lighthouse Hotel, which is nowhere near Grande Island.

As such, it was the interpretation of Sabad that the Start would be as indicated in the coordinates provided in Section 8.2, which is off The Lighthouse Hotel, and that the boats were required to pass Grande Island to Port, which we complied with.

However, upon passing Grande Island to Port, we noticed that two boats: Hurricane Hunter and Columbus, actually passed Grande Island to Starboard. Hurricane Hunter specifically was in our class, IRC Racing. As a result of the route they chose, they made a significant gain against the rest of the IRC Racing fleet, who all passed Grande Island to Port. This gain placed Hurricane Hunter directly ahead of Sabad and Selma Star upon execution of their route. Furthermore, given that the route of the race requires boats to turn to port down the Morong / Bataan coast on the way to Boracay, Hurricane Hunter’s maneuver essentially gave them an inside track on the entire fleet.

We would therefore request for redress due to the confusing wording on the Sailing Instructions as far as the passing of Grande Island is concerned. Should the confusing wording not been there, the boats would have been fully aware of their options in sailing the course, which could have led to a different race result.

Thank you.

8. Damage Or Injury

One boat in IRC Racing Class gained an undue advantage in time and positioning on the race course due to the confusing wording of Section 8 of the Sailing Instructions.

Attachments