

Scored DSQ in error

Protest No: 02

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1. Event Name: RVYC 2023 Club racing

Protest On: 2023-06-16

Race No: Wednesday A5

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

Distance Div. 1 - 50039 - Raven - Hugh Wainman-Wood

4. Protestees

1. Race Committee

5. Incident

Time Place: May 31st, 2023 - In the vicinity of Cadboro Bay, Victoria, BC, Canada

Rules: 28.1, Definition of Sail the Course

Witnesses:

6. Informing Protestee

Hail:

Hail When:

Hail Comment:

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment

Other:

Other Comment: emailed the Interim Racing Fleet Captain on June 2nd, 2023

7. Description Of Incident

On the day of the race the race committee posted a course of 7,8,9,X. As of that date (and still to this day, June 16th) the online sailing instructions identify mark X as "the finish line of the ATB (Around The Buoys) course".

Raven as well as at least one other yacht sailed the course as described and finished the race, receiving a horn as we crossed the finish line.

On June 1st, the yacht club published it's weekly newsletter in which the Interim Racing Fleet Captain explained that there was confusion around what mark X was.

In the newsletter it was indicated that X, which was clearly identified as "the finish line of the ATB course" was actually intended to mean that yachts round mark L, "the leeward mark of the ATB course" and then proceed to mark X.

Furthermore, in an overt admission that the intended meaning of course mark X was not correctly entered in the Sailing Instructions, the newsletter indicated that an amendment to the Sailing Instructions would be posted stating that mark X posted by itself would then mean that yachts would round mark L first before finishing at mark X.

Upon reading the newsletter the race results were checked and Raven was scored as DSQ for failing to sail the course.

On June 2nd I emailed the Interim Racing Fleet Captain, AJ Hesford and pointed out that, while the intent of the people drafting the sailing instructions may have been to have course mark X mean mark L and then mark X, that is NOT what they said at the time the race was held. I contended that we sailed the course correctly as per the current sailing instructions and that our finishing time should be recognized and scored in the usual fashion.

As of this date (June 16th) Raven is still scored as DSQ for the May 31st race.

8. Damage Or Injury

Attachments



[Sailing Instructions showing the descriptions of the mark designations with the course in question indicated](#)