

# DECISION

Request No.: 03

Protest by TC

Event: 2022 Chicago to Mackinac Race Number: na  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-24 15:30

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: Technical Committee

Cruising 1 - Cruising - 61209 - No Bad Days - Jerry Gurthet

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required PIC told at the end of the post-race inspection

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Protest heard under RRS 63.3(b).

Abby Winkler represented the Technical Committee.

Jerry Gurthet was in the room for the reading of the facts found and conclusions.

The PC reopened the hearing under RRS 66.1 to find more facts.

## FACTS FOUND

During the post-race inspection, a PFD worn by a crewmember did not have a manufacturer's crotch strap attached. A crotch strap was fashioned out of a single strand of paracord and was dead-ended to the front and back of the PFD as a crotch strap.

It did not include leg straps.

The crewmember subsequently returned to the inspector with a separate manufactured crotch and leg strap combination.

It was not attached to the PFD during the inspection as required by CMSR 5.18.

The inspected anchor and rode was missing the required anchor chain per CMSR 3.23.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** CMSR 5.18 and 3.23

CMSR 5.18 specifies leg or crotch straps, not both, and makes no reference to the straps being manufacturer supplied only.

The crew-supplied single crotch strap shown at post-race inspection met the stated requirement for a single crotch strap.

No breach of CMSR 5.18.

CMSR 3.23 requires "suitable chain and rode".

The lack of chain is a breach of CMSR 3.23.

## DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-07-25 18:34 CDT

Using World Sailing's DP Guide, a starting penalty of 10% was decided.

There were no circumstances to justify decreasing the penalty.

There were no circumstances to justify increasing the penalty.

The penalty applied is 10% of her place in the section.

That place penalty is then also to be applied to her place in the division.

No other boats' scores change.

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Wendy Loat (CAN)

