

# DECISION

Request No.: 07

## Request for Redress

Event: Spring Fest Race Number: 6  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-04-11

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 07: J/105 - 44 - Godot - Phillip Laby

Organizational Authority

Race Committee

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Beyond with Good Reason Crew was injured and boat was taking water. Godot filed her protest as soon as reasonably possible.

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Peggy Lidster represented the RC and participated via Zoom.
2. Lawson Willard represented the OA.
3. The request arose from an incident that included significant damage and traumatic injury. The request was filed after the crew was sent to the ER and the boat was secured. The PC found the priority of safety of the boat and its crew to be a good reason to extend the time limit for filing.

### FACTS FOUND

1. Anita Rock is a reef marked by a light on a cement tower.
2. The hazardous parts of the "rock" extend to the north and west of the tower and the location is within the "City Front" course, particularly when the current is running.
3. The regatta was run on the City Front and SI 9.1(b) designated the area between Anita Rock Light and the nearest point on shore an obstruction.
4. Other hazards in the racing area are not marked or called out as obstructions in the SIs.
5. Godot had the expectation that the Race Committee and/or Organizing Authority would disclose to competitors and/or mark the rocks extending northwest from the Anita Rock Light.
6. Godot was sailing downwind and ran aground near the Anita Rock Light.
7. Godot suffered damage to her keel such that she was taking significant amounts of water; repairs estimated to be approximately \$75,000.
8. Godot's crew suffered a serious injury to her nose which occurred during the grounding.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 62.1(a)

1. There was neither an improper action nor omission of the race committee or organizing authority. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a) are not met.

### DECISION

Redress is not given.

Date & Time: 2022-04-12 19:36 PDT

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**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Chaired By:** Danielle Lawson (USA)

**Committee Members:** Thomas Allard (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)