

# Request for Redress

Protest No: 01

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## 1. Event Name: 53rd Annual Southern Straits Classic Yacht Race

Protest On: 2023-04-08

Race No: 53rd Annual Southern Straits Classic Yacht Race West Vancouver Yacht Club April 7 – 9, 2023

## 2. Hearing Type

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by PC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by TC | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress by RC      |

## 3. Protestor

Beneteau First 35 - PHRF 3 - CAN 172 - Skywalker - Paul Thompson

## 4. Protestees

1.

## 5. Incident

**Time Place:** Saturday Morning

**Rules:** Request for redress rule 62, 62.1 (c)

**Witnesses:** All boats and the Race committee monitoring channel 16

## 6. Informing Protestee

- Hail:**  
Hail When:  
Hail Comment:
- Red Flag:**  
Red Flag Comment
- Other:**  
Other Comment: By contacting the PRO

## 7. Description Of Incident

6:00am. Within the vicinity of Howe Sound and Bowen Island: Wind conditions 18 - 35 knots; Sea state 3' - 6' heavy chop.

As Skywalker was racing towards the finish line for Southern Straits, a fellow competitor, Syrena, broadcast distress messages over channel 16 for immediate assistance. The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) requested boats within the vicinity to Syrena to provide assistance. Skywalker was the closest boat and responded to the CCG call immediately, moving towards Syrena and upon nearing had to make an emergency maneuver to avoid a collision (damaging our Jib in the maneuver).

Skywalker engaged their engine and took down all sails to be ready to provide assistance. Skywalker then motored and stayed in the vicinity of Syrena as they headed up Howe Sound towards the back end of Passage Island. Skywalker then awaited the CCG vessels to arrive safely from Kitsilano and Richmond. At the point of being told to stand down by the CCG, Skywalker made the difficult decision, due to the safety to crew and craft, not to rehoist sails due to the further potential safety concerns with putting up sails that were hastily brought down along with the current wind and water conditions within Howe Sound.

We contacted the Race committee and informed them that we shall be applying for redress and then headed back to the safety of our dock.

## 8. Damage Or Injury

Jib damaged during emergency avoidance and takedown.

## Attachments

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