

Protest and Request to Reopen

Protest No: 06

Received At: 2023-06-11 19:27 CEST

1. Event Name: 70° Rolex Giraglia 2023

Protest On: 2023-06-11

Race No: First inshore race

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

Race Committee

4. Protestees

1. Race Committee

5. Incident

Time Place: Start of the first inshore race

Rules: Most likely 29.1 in the international racing rules of sailing

Witnesses: Navigator, navigation equipment and foredecker on board

6. Informing Protestee

Hail:

Hail When:

Hail Comment:

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment

Other:

Other Comment:

7. Description Of Incident

When we saw the results of the first inshore race (apx 45 minutes ago), we noticed that we were listed as OCS - and as a boat participating in ORC1. As we race in IRC1, and we had good visual by our foredecker plus we had pinged both sides of the starting line properly in Expedition, we were 100% certain that we were not above the starting line. After the race start, no alert were made by the race comittee by neither VHF nor by alarm which is normal in racing - so we race the course in full understanding that we had all been cleared. Should we have known we had started to early, we would of course have gone back and restarted, but no sign or any indication of this was present at the time - and the fact that we had good information from both visual - and our navigation equipment (and we have started in many many races using the same), we are highly confident that we were not above the line when the start signal went.

According to rule 29.1 in the international racing rules of sailing, should the race comittee in case a boat or any part of the boat is on the course side of the starting line, then the race comittee shall promptly display flax X with one sound. We did not hear any sound and we did not see any flag X, so this might indicate that we should not be listed as OCS and most likely, given that we were also listed as competing in ORC1 and not in IRC1 which is the correct class for us - indicate that the race comittee might have mixed our boat with some other boat.

In any case, the decision to OCS Matador should be reversed and we should be given a time as per our sailed race.

8. Damage Or Injury

Attachments

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