

# DECISION

Request Number: 1

Request for Redress

Event: US Laser National Championships Race Number: 3

Hearing Date: 2017-07-21

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** Laser - USA 180521 - Marek Zaleski

**Respondent(s):** Race Committee

**Witnesses:** Gerard Sheridan, John Siegel, Race Committee

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit Based on Scoring Inquiry

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**DECISION:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

## FACTS FOUND

1. 0521 was starting near the pin end of the starting line.
2. The RC had an official sighting the line on the pin end.
3. The officials on the pin boat relied on a radio transmission and sighting the flag on the race committee boat for determining the start time.
4. The officials on the pin boat sighting the line called several boats on the course side at the start.
5. The scribe for the RC on the pin end boat recorded 6812, 5948, 0643 0521 on the course side after the time .
6. The line sight on the committee boat indicated there were no boats over early at the time they believed to be the start.
7. 0521 was scored OCS for race 3.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. The race committee was in a better position to determine boats on the course at the precise time of the start.

## DECISION

Redress Granted

6812, 5948, 0643 and 0521 are to be reinstated to their finish position.

**Date & Time:** 2017-07-21 10:12 PDT

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Thomas Allard (USA)

**Committee Members:** Mark Townsend (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)

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