DECISIONRequest Number: 08

Request for Redress

Event: RS 500 World Championships Race Number: 11

Hearing Date: 2018-08-24

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: RS 500 - GBR 1038 - Anneke Kikkert Floris Stapel

Respondent(s): Race Committee

Witnesses: none

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: No

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

During race 10 a strong gust of wind fractured a shroud pin on 1038 and the mast broke.

During the morning briefing the race committee stated that races would be abandoned in average winds of more than 23 knots and gusts of 27 knots.

The highest average wind recorded by the race committee was 17 – 18 knots. The maximum gust that the Race Team recorded at sea level was 20 knots. The maximum that the race team recorded from the Weymouth Breakwater was 26 knots at 1438.. The race finished at 1442.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

The race committee was tracking the wind at regular intervals.

Weatherfile did show a gust of 31 knots on the Weymouth breakwater but the breakwater is at a much greater height than sea level where boats were racing.

There was no improper action or omission of the race committee

Date & Time: 2018-08-24 17:00 BST

Redress is not granted

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: David Brunskill (GBR)

Committee Members: Paul Kimmens (GBR)

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