

DECISION

Request for Redress

Request Number: 03

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 02

Event: Zhik 2018 Australian 9er Championships **Race Number:** 2
Hearing Date: 2017-12-27

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: 29er - QLD 2546 - Damo - Henry Larkings Miles Davey

Respondent(s): Race Committee

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. 2240 and 2546 were at the pin end of the start line approaching the line to start.
2. At the start, 2240 and 2546 were identified on course side of the start line.
3. About 2 seconds after the start, the race committee displayed code flag X with one sound signal using the RCV horn.
4. Code flag X was displayed mid-ship of the RCV on the port side atop an 8ft tall staff raised by a member of the race committee. The flag blended in with other equipment on the RCV including a blue & white club burgee, a blue finish flag and a white RIB.
5. 2240 & 2546 did not hear the sound signal nor see the X flag.
6. 2240 & 2546 did not believe they were on course side of the start line at the start.
7. 2240 crossed the finish line in 2nd position and 2546 crossed the finish line in 3rd position.
8. 2240 and 2546 were scored OCS for race 2.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. Code flag X was not conspicuously displayed and the sound signal was not effective.
2. 2240 & 2546 score was through no fault of their own made significantly worse by an improper action of the race committee.

DECISION

Redress is granted. 2240 and 2546 are to be scored in their finishing positions for race 2 and all other boats adjusted accordingly.

Date & Time: 2017-12-27 17:50 AEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Glen Stanaway (AUS)

Committee Members: Damien Boldyrew (AUS), Mark Dingley (AUS), Nev Willis (AUS), Wayne Thompson (AUS)

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