

DECISION

Request for Redress

Request Number: 22

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21

Event: Zhik 2018 Australian 9er Championships Race Number: 15

Hearing Date: 2017-12-30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: 29er - NSW 2066 - Skippy - Harrison Sly Chuck Notgood

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

As redress requests listed as hearing numbers 12 lodged by 11, 13 lodged by 1990, 15 lodged by 2463, 17 lodged by 2063, 19 lodged by 1875, 20 lodged by 2261, 21 lodged by 2614 and this request 22 lodged by 2066 relate to the same incident, they are heard together.

1. The allocated course area, "Alpha" is shown in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.
2. Race 15 started at 1135hrs with course L2 to be sailed.
3. The course was laid to the North -West and outside the course area shown in the Sailing Instructions.
4. The start line was at least 0.3nm North-West of course area Alpha.
5. Sea state was choppy.
6. On leg 1, 29er 1875 ran aground on the western side of the course before the port tack lay line to mark 1.
7. On leg 2, 29ers 11, 1990, 2463, 2063, 2261, 2614, 2240 and 2066 ran aground on the western side of the course before the port tack lay line to the gate.
8. Several boats sustained damage.
9. Maximum draft of a 29er is 0.7m
10. The maritime charts for that part of the course area indicate a depth range of 0.2-0.4.
11. Low tide was expected at 1331hrs.
12. About the time of the incidents, the predicted tide was approximately +0.85.
13. Part of the course included an area of water too shallow to conduct racing.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. The course was set outside of the area designated by SI 7 and SI Appendix A, where there was insufficient depth of water to sail to the windward and downwind lay lines on the western side of the course.
2. The boats scores, through no fault of their own have been made significantly worse by an improper action of the Race Committee.

DECISION

Redress is granted. Race 15 is abandoned.

Date & Time: 2017-12-30 18:10 AEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Wayne Thompson (AUS)

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

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