

DECISION

Request Number: 01

Request for Redress by RC

Event: St. Maarten Heineken regatta Race Number: 1

Hearing Date: 2018-03-02

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Race Committee

Respondent(s): Ocean Racing - Akouvia

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

The race committee amalgamated the ocean racing classes 1 & 2 into a single new Ocean Racing class.

The rating band of the new class has a wider spread than the original two classes.

SI 17.2d states the time limit will be 40 minutes after the first finisher.

SI 17.2d was not modified.

The yacht Akouvia finished outside the 40 minute limit and was scored TLE/DNF.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

It was not possible for Akouvia to finish within the time limit due to the spread of the rating band.

The race committee made an error by not expanding the time limit in SI 17.2d.

DECISION

Akouvia is granted redress and reinstated according to her actual finish time.

All other scores will be adjusted accordingly.

Date & Time:

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Steve Schupak (USA)

Committee Members:

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