DECISION

**Request for Redress** 

Request No.: 07

Event: Jr. Race Week Race Number: 5 Hearing Schedule: 2021-07-13

**PARTIES AND WITNESSES** 

Request No.: 07: Laser Standard - 190435 - TBD - Tucker Ballou

Witnesses: Steve Leicht, OA representative, Buddy Wolff PRO, Conner Rosow Instructor from

Blackrock YC

**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**

Tucker attested to not having consulted any support persons about the hearing in advance of the hearing.

## **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. Laser Standards and Laser Radials launch together on the main dock. They cannot rig in advance of launching due to the crane over the dock.
- 2. Tucker was in line and preparing to launch around 945.
- 3. Harbor start was 1030
- 4. According to the chairman of the event the OA intended to have qualified people at the top of the ramp and bottom of the ramp to keep traffic moving.
- 5. When the chairman arrived at the laser dock shortly after 11, the volunteers we expected at the top of the ramp and the bottom of the ramp were not on site.
- 6. The PRO was asked to wait for boats coming out before beginning the start at 1130. Well over 50 boats were at the starting area waiting at 1130.
- 7. At harborstart there were 20 boats that were on the dock from the night before who began launching. It took them15-20 minutes, preventing more boats from coming down to the dock
- 8. The first start of the first race was at approximately 11:50.
- 9. From 1130 to 1145 there were several boats on land or on the dock waiting to launch.
- 10. The start of the first race was postponed for 5-20 minutes.
- 11. By the time Tucker got to the start the boats in his class were finishing and he did not compete in Race 1.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: 62.1(a)

1. 190435's place in race #5 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by an error of the OA.

**DECISION** Date & Time: 2021-07-13 17:00 FDT

Redress is given to Laser 190435. Laser 190435 is to be scored in race #5 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all races sailed in the series, except race #5. This shall not be worse than her finishing position in the race. No other boat's score

shall change.			

## **PROTEST COMMITTEE**

Chaired By: Danielle Lawson (USA)
Committee Members: Richard York (USA), Hans Oen (USA)

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