

Request for Redress

Protest No: 03

Received At: 2022-09-21 09:34 EDT

1. Event Name: ABYC Club Racing

Protest On: 2022-09-21

Race No: Series E Race

2. Hearing Type

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Reopen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by RC | <input type="checkbox"/> Reopening by PC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by PC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by TC | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress by RC |

3. Protestor

Race Committee

4. Protestees

1. Race Committee

5. Incident

Time Place: Approximately 1850 EST

Rules: RRS 33

Witnesses:

6. Informing Protestee

- Hail:
Hail When:
Hail Comment:
- Red Flag:
Red Flag Comment
- Other:
Other Comment: Email following the race

7. Description Of Incident

In signalling a change of course for fleets 4 and 5, there was confusion in the display of the appropriate signals: "C", "4", "5" and the numeral 2 on a placard. Although a transmission was made by the race committee specifying that the course change was for white sail divisions (4 and 5) only, the placement of the flags on the RC vessel and the order in which they were raised was inconsistent with the intent of Rule 33, and likely its substance.

8. Damage Or Injury

Two boats, Double Time and Vertigone, interpreted the Rule 33 signal as meant for them (neither is in Division 4 or 5) and sailed to Mark 2 rather than Mark 1. Vertigone was scored NSC and Double Time retired on hearing that it had not sailed the course. The race committee believes that the error made by the boats is attributable to its confusing signalling and is seeking redress on their behalf.

Finishing times are available for both Vertigone and Double Time. Adjusting these times to reflect the shorter distance to Mark 2, and scoring them as having finished would substantially address the injury done.

Attachments