

DECISION

Request Number: 12

Request for Redress

Event: RS Games Aero and Tera Race Number: 9

Hearing Date: 2018-08-09

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: AERO - 5 - GBR 1685 - Lucy Greenwood

Respondent(s): Race Committee

Witnesses: GBR 2552

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

During race 9, with an O2 course, the wind on the course was not stable.

When the leading boats reached mark 2, the wind speed started to decrease.

When the leading boats reached gate 3 and started the fourth leg, the wind gradually shifted to the left and the wind speed further decreased. When the boats were one third up the fourth leg, a gust came from the left side of the course. The boats on the left side of the course started sailing faster, overtaking the boats on the right side of the course. Gradually the wind spread across the course and all boats sailed directly to mark 2 and then back towards gate 3, initially on close hauled and then on a reach.

When the first boats were approaching the last mark before the finishing line, the race officer asked the mark layers about the conditions on the outer loop. A mark boat replied that everything was OK.

After all the boats had finished, the race officer got more information regarding the conditions of the race.

15 minutes after the finishing of the last boat, the race committee signal vessel displayed flag L and a notice stating that the race was abandoned.

The race committee posted a notice on the official notice board after racing, repeating the notice on the back of the boat.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

The race committee abandoned the race when they became aware that the fairness of the competition had been compromised
There was no improper action or omission of the race committee

DECISION

Redress is not given

Date & Time: 2018-08-09 20:31 BST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Václav Brabec (CZE)

Committee Members: Charlie Watson (GBR)

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