DECISION

Request for Redress by RC

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 03

Event: RS Tera World Championships 2023 Race Number: 4 Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-01 19:20

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Race Committee

RS Tera Pro - GBR 4624 - Megan Gowers

RS Tera Pro - GBR 2511 - Henry Reed

RS Tera Pro - SWE 4350 - Nora Palm

Request No.: 03: RS Tera Pro - SWE 4350 - Nora Palm

Race Committee

Witnesses: Giacomo Quarenghi

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

Tom Reed father of Henry Reed and Linda Palm coach of Nora Palm attended the hearing as observers.

FACTS FOUND

- 1. Race 4 second beat (leg 5).
- 2. Race committee displayed Sierra flag over Pro flag on a rib to windward of mark 2 creating a finish line.
- 3. Race official on the rib whistled a number of times, more than twice, to draw attention to the flags.
- 4. The leading boat at the time crossed the finish line in first place
- 5. Some boats stopped racing including those in second, fourth and possibly seventh places.
- 6. The boat in second place, Henry, heard some sound signals and some sailors saying abandoned. He did not recognize the meaning of the flags and stopped racing.
- 7. The boat in fourth position, Megan, and the boat in seventh place, Nora, stopped racing before checking the flags.
- 8. Other boats crossed the finish line correctly.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 62.1 (a)

The Race committee made an improper action with the multiple sound signals, thereby failing to comply with RRS 32.1. GBR 4624, GBR 2511 and SWE 4350's places in race 4 were made worse partly through their own fault by abandoning racing without confirming the RO's flag signal.. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1 are not met.

DECISION

Redress is not given.

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