

DECISION

Request No.: 12

Request for Redress

Event: Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Race Number: 4
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-26 17:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 12: 2023 Cruiser1 4-day series - 1677R - Liberty of Cowes - Ray Mitchell

Race Committee - Middle Course - Opus

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

No procedural matters

FACTS FOUND

The finish mark was described as a port rounding. The Committee Boat was set up to the port side of the mark, a potential hook finish. The Committee Boat and the buoy were 10 meters apart. There was confusion by the competitors on how to finish the race. Liberty of Cowes was the first boat on the water. She crossed a transit of the finishing line where her finishing time was recorded. She tacked onto starboard and rounded the finishing buoy crossing the line where another time was taken. The Race Officer realised there was a problem with the course and finish, so radioed the fleet to round the finish mark to port and cross through the line. The Race Officer recorded the times of all boats when they crossed the transit.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS62.1 RYA Case 2000/5

There was an improper action by the Race Committee in how they described the finish of the race. The Race Officer finished the race in a fair manner to all competitors. Liberty of Cowes finishing time and therefore place was not made significantly worse by the improper action of the Race Committee.

DECISION

The requirements of redress are not met

Date & Time:

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Stephen Procter (GBR)

Committee Members: James Bremridge (GBR), Cordelia Procter (GBR)