

DECISION

Request to Reopen

Request No.: 02

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 01

Event: 53rd Annual Southern Straits Classic Yacht Race – 9, 2023

Race Number: 53rd Annual Southern Straits Classic Yacht Race West Vancouver Yacht Club April 7

Hearing Schedule: 2023-04-12 20:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Beneteau First 35 - PHRF 3 - CAN 172 - Skywalker - Paul Thompson

Race Committee

Request No.: 01: Beneteau First 35 - PHRF 3 - CAN 172 - Skywalker - Paul Thompson

Witnesses: Seance and all boats and the Race committee monitoring channel
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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

FACTS FOUND

1. Sea conditions were confused; wind was heavy (+20kt) and raining.
2. Skywalker responded to a Coast Guard call to render assistance to Medium Course competitor Seance who was taking on water from an unknown location.
3. Assistance was rendered south of Cowan Pt, approximately 30 minutes from the finish.
4. Skywalker was ahead of Dominatrix when she broke to assist.
5. Skywalker received damage to her jib while rendering assistance
6. Skywalker was dismissed by the Coast Guard after approximately 40 minutes
7. Skywalker did not finish the race

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 62.1(c)

1. Skywalker's place in the Medium Course, Division PHRF 3 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by giving help in compliance with RRS 1.1 to someone else other than herself or her crew.
2. Skywalker would have a finish time in very close proximity to Dominatrix
3. Skywalker would have a corrected finish in front of Future Primitive and Dominatrix

DECISION

Date & Time: 2023-04-12 21:01 PDT

Redress is given to Skywalker. Skywalker is to be placed at the same finish order position as Dominatrix. Skywalker is to be scored in position 6 for the Medium Course, Division PHRF 3. Skywalker is to be scored in position 15 for the Medium Course Overall. No other boat's score shall change.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: David Pyron (CAN)

