



## DBSC 2026

### Scoring Inquiry

**Race Date: 2026-04-23**

**Received: 2026-04-28 16:47 UTC**

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**Request No.: 07**

**Course: H3**

**Race No.: 1**

**Posted Score: RET**

**Competitor: Mixed Sports Boat - Red Fleet and Green Fleet - IRL 8750 - Jester - Declan Curtin**

#### **Scoring Inquiry:**

This is a repeat inquiry as the response my initial inquiry received on 26th April 2026 indicates that my inquiry wasn't properly explained.

With a failing wind and a strong ebb tide the RO announced his intention to shorten course at Molly for any fleet that hadn't already rounded Molly Mark. At this time all SB20's and some J80's and Mixed Sportsboats had already rounded Molly and were continuing to sail their designated courses. Importantly, an number of J80's had not reached Molly Mark when that decision was made.

Question 1 - sail No 2 George J2 was recorded as finishing at 19:52:27. I suspect this was recorded at Molly Mark which she was sailing to as part of her designated course. However, the shortened course finish line at Molly did not apply to J80's or Mixed Sportsboats. To the extent that a finish was recorded for George J2 at Molly Mark this would have been an error. Can you confirm where the finish time for George 2 was recorded - i.e. at Molly Mark, a finish line laid to windward of the last mark in accordance with the SI's or at a second shortened course?

Question 2 - sail no. 1793 Lady A was recorded as finishing at 20:40:55. As the Committee Boat was engaged at the shortened course for other classes at Molly Mark this would have required a second finish line to be laid to windward of the last mark of the course or for a second shortened course to be declared. Can you confirm where the finish time for Lady A was recorded - i.e. at Molly Mark, a finish line laid to windward of the last mark in accordance with the SI's or at a second shortened course?

By way of clarification, there is no suggestion on my part that either of the boats above sailed the wrong course.

#### **Witnesses:**

Sail Number 1730 Ram Jam - Austin Kenny - boat ahead of Jester IRL 8750

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#### **Response:**

From the RO:

The course on Thursday, 23-April-2026, was H3 (sb20, sports boats, dragons, f15), H6 (ruffian and B211) and H7 (shipman, glen, mermaid)  
The course was shortened on Thursday, 23-April-2026, at Pier Mark (V), for all classes. The "S" flag was raised, with no class flags, indicating it was for all classes.  
The SB20 class had all rounded Pier Mark, at the time the "S" flag was raised, indicating that their race would be shortened on their second rounding of Pier Mark.  
We are not aware of any reference to the Molly Mark (N) during radio communications during this time.. If the race was to be shortened at Molly Mark (N), then a rib or the committee boat would have been present at that location, and it was not. The committee boat was stationed off Pier Mark (V) with the "S" flag raised. The mark laying rib was free floating.

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*Response By Ian Bowring Printed at 2026-05-22 00:01*