



2022 CORK International Optimist RBW, Green & Team Racing Regatta and CORK International / Sail Canada 29er Youth Championship & North American Championship

Scoring Inquiry

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Course: 29er

Race No: 15

Posted Score: UFD

Protest Party: 29R - CAN 2594 - Nicolas Capolicchio

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At the start of the race, I decided to port tack the fleet, starting from the pin end. In order to properly accelerate and start the race, I needed to have the proper amount of room between myself and the pin. While approaching the pin end of the course, I noticed that the Pin Boat(racing official) was directly in the spot that I needed to place my boat in order to properly start. Foreseeing a future issue, I kindly asked the pin boat if it was possible if they move back giving room between them and the pin so that I would be able to correctly place my boat. I asked them this question because as a race official, they were obstructing the path of a competitor which ruined our attempt at obtaining a proper spot. Seeing as there was no landmark or other racing official behind the pin boat, I thought it was fitting that they would be able to move backwards while still keeping an eye on the line. Regardless of this, the pin boat promptly responded "No, we are the pin boat not a coach boat". In my racing experience, the pin boat has generally been an anchored vessel. As I read the Sailing Instructions, they did not mention that the pin official would not be anchored which is the root of the problem. Therefore, ignorant of their surroundings, the pin boat refused to move backwards and give me the space needed to properly start my race. As a result of the pin boat's actions, I was squeezed into a position which made it favorable for me to be over the line at go. Therefore, a racing official unnecessarily obstructed my path leading to a UFD. In conclusion, I would like to request a redress because of interference and obstruction by a race official which lead to the scoring "UFD"

Response Title:

RC to review the tapes. JW

Please review with Pin Boat -- call 416-877-4371

Response By Tom Clarke Printed At 17 Apr 21:41