



2023 GNS Séries I Scoring Inquiry

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Inquiry No: 26

Course: White sail

Race No: S4R8

Posted Score: 2nd place

Protest Party: White sail - 3 - 600 - Camelot - Phil Knox

Scoring Inquiry:

Hi,

With regards to last Thursday's race, we, on behalf of the Tanzer Camelot 600 owned and skipped by Chris Cuggy, are bringing it to your attention that the declared "winner" of the race, a Mirage 24 Chinook, did not complete the prescribed course in its entirety and should be regarded as DNF!

We were neck and neck on the first upwind leg and together at the gybe mark of the double triangular course. At that second mark, after rounding, they were to leeward and attempted to take us up. We had to come through head to wind and were forced to gybe to get back on our intended heading which was down to the leeward mark near the Committee boat. Chinook, to our amazement, continued their heading back upwind to the windward mark! We never saw them again! They did not go around the leeward mark!

Either they do not understand how the course is laid out as per sailing instructions or were confused about the gybe mark, which was poorly located by the Committee! It was very close in to the middle of the course and not at the typical 90 degrees from the windward mark. Nonetheless...they should have been looking for and heading to the leeward mark which was located very close to the Committee boat! A total of five marks must be rounded prior to crossing the finish line!

In all fairness, it is difficult for the Committee to verify if all boats sail the course properly. But surely someone on the boat should have realized that we were the first to round the leeward mark and were clearly in the lead! The final time discrepancy of nearly 8 minutes between Chinook and Camelot should have set off alarms for the scorer!

We are also of the belief that Chinook's win over us earlier this season was as a result of their not having sailed the proper course in that race!

Best regards,

Phil Knox
Camelot helmsman

Witnesses:

Chris Cuggy, Mike Plesko, Phil Knox

Response Title:

A scoring inquiry is a request of the race committee to verify that the start and finish were properly recorded. You have submitted an allegation that another boat did not adhere to the rules. It is the responsibility of racing sailors to respect and enforce the rules. A protest should have been filed within the protest time limit.

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