



2023 GNS Séries I

Question for Officials

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Question For: Race Committee

Question:

Good afternoon,

After my last question, I received this answer from the Principal Race Officer by email:

A message for competitors in the 2023 GNS Séries Interclub Series

Hello, this is the Principal Race Officer, Milan Absi. The 5 boats that we scored DNF were for the simple reason that a boat shall not come back by the finish line, even after his time is scored as a finish. The boat must go around the pin or the RC boat to go back home. This is mostly because it could interfere with us and with other boats racing. Source in the RRRS: Rule 28.1, which states: "A boat that finishes shall not thereafter sail back through the finish line." Thank you for your understanding.

Unfortunately, I have not found the nuance stated in the RRRS that a boat must go around the Pin or the RC boat to go back home. Can you please share the reference for this additional detail to the RRRS in regards to finishing.

As per 28.1

"A boat shall *start, sail the course* and then *finish*. While doing so, she may leave on either side *amark* that does not begin, bound or end the leg she is sailing. After *finishing* she need not cross the finishing line completely"

As a boat need not cross the finishing line completely once finished, this would imply that a boat can in fact sail back across the line. This also implies that a boat must not necessarily round the PIN or RC boat which is why the nuanced rule you present surprised me.

Pursuant to this, as our race was the last one of the evening, and as the Mark boat had started removing the marks behind us as we rounded them, one could infer that once the final boat crossed the line, the race was officially over. As we are a small and respectful division of boats, we had all waited for our colleague on Chinook to finish the race before we all safely made our way back to the club and in this case, across the line.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Mathieu

Answer:

Please review "Definition of Finish" @ <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/definitions>

(c) continues to *sail the course*.

In this case, going back thru the line means you are not done sailing your course.

You can submit a protest if you are not in agreement.

Thank you for your understanding,

Milan

Updated Answer: The PRO removed the DNF, the results have been updated & republished.

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