

70° Rolex Giraglia 2023

□ Question for Officials

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Question For: Race Committee

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Hi, Jonas Grandér, skipper and owner of SWE-15, Matador

- Firstly, we are noted as starting in ORC1. We are in fact racing in IRC1
- Secondly, when we saw the results from today - we were listed as OCS, and we had very good visual that we were not above the starting line - and also confirmed as we had pinged both starting ends in Expedition - and with a professional navigator that are highly skilled - so we are 100% certain that we were not above the line when the start went.
- Given that we are listed in the wrong class, would it be possible that the race committee has taken another boat for ours? It is otherwise highly unclear to us how we could be listed as above the line when we in fact were not.
- Normally when a boat does not start correctly it would be advised by vhf or by signals - and none of those were noticed on board Matador, so we are concerned that we are listed as OCS when we in fact were all correct.

We either ask the race committee for evidence that we in fact were above the starting line - or else, we ask for an amendment of what we see as an incorrect decision - and would like our proper result. Even if we would not win - we appreciate fair play - and correct handling.

In advance of tomorrow's race, we would appreciate better communication from the race committee as it was highly unclear to many boats when the start was and the fact that the start line was to be changed between IRC0 and IRC1 & IRC2. Also the fact that the picture in the amendment No1 only was in French caused us a bit of confusion as we are not French speaking - and the rounding buoy prior to the finish line was not in the same position as in the amendment no 1 - but the white buoy was, which we rounded instead. The white buoy we understand was for the IRC0 - but they had all finished - so why have two bouys out there near each other causing confusion for competitors. There were more boats than ours that mis-understood this - and it is just unnecessary to confuse competitors. We called the race committee to check this to not miss to round the yellow buoy - and only then, the white buoy was removed which had us losing time having to turn around and round the yellow buoy - and with boats after us being able to only have one buoy to round as the white had then been removed.

As many of the competitors are not French, it would be appreciated if there is good and correct information also in English - as I would anticipate the race is happy to attract competitors from near and far.

As for the incorrect OCS, what should we do to open a case to have this incorrect decision amended? Should we file a protest - and if so, against whom? And how can it be proved we were not above if the race committee has no proof we in fact were?

Answer:

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