



# 72° Loro Piana Giraglia

## Question for Officials

**Date: 2025-06-08**

**Question No: 09**

**Question For: Race Committee**

**Question:**

**Subject: Request for Interpretation Obstruction Removal During a Leg**

Dear Protest Committee,

I respectfully request an interpretation or advisory opinion on the following situation that did occur during the last race of Giraglia last year and is likely to occur this year given that the SIs have not changed.

**Situation:**

- In the sailing instructions (or race committee communication), the starting line is designated as an **obstruction** except when starting/finishing.
- The first boat begins sailing the leg on which the obstruction is in play.
- After the boat started the leg—but before all other boats have done so—the race committee **removes** the starting line (i.e., the obstruction).

**Questions:**

- Could the removal of the obstruction be considered a **change to the leg** that was not properly signalled and thus potentially grounds for **redress**?
- Would the **removal of the obstruction** after the first boat started the leg constitute an **improper action or omission** by the race committee under **Rule 62.1(a)**?
- How might the **fairness** of the race be evaluated in this context if the removal materially changed the tactical options or impediments for boats approaching the area later?

**Reason for Request:**

Understanding how the protest committee might view this situation will help clarify expectations for future situations.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Answer:**

This request have to be posted for the protest comittee.

Dear comp  titor,

Concerning question 1 : the answer is yes.

Question 2 is without object : Rules 62.1 (a) does not exist.

Question 3 is not a question but a comment.

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*Response By Jean Cherbonel Printed at 2025-07-17 22:49*