

Protest and Request for Redress

Protest No: 03

Received At: 2022-06-30 07:22 UTC

1. Event Name: 2022 RVYC Wednesday Night Racing

Protest On: 2022-06-30

Race No: 1

2. Hearing Type

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protest | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Reopen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by RC | <input type="checkbox"/> Reopening by PC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by PC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by TC | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress by RC |

3. Protestor

M242 - M242 - 231 - Checkmate - Matt Alexander

4. Protestees

1.

5. Incident

Time Place: Weds night one design race 1

Rules: 32.2

Witnesses: Alan Drinkwater

6. Informing Protestee

- Hail:**
 - Hail When:
 - Hail Comment:
- Red Flag:**
 - Red Flag Comment
- Other:**
 - Other Comment:

7. Description Of Incident

The race committee sounded a horn and shortened course with flag S. We saw the flag and finished per rule 32.2 and finished between the flag s and the mark. They apparently hailed other competitors using VHF which we turn off after a race start saying the proper procedure was to round the mark and then go through the line upwind.

There was a mark boat available but it was not deployed with flag S between the leeward mark ... therefore the proper finish line was between the flag S and the mark per 32.2.1

This is contrary to rule 32,2 shorten course that states

[Rule 32.2 \[Fleet\]](#)

If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,

1. at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S;
2. a line the course requires boats to cross; or
3. at a gate, between the gate marks.

The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

There was no gate so 3 does not apply. The sailing instructions do not show a different course selection or diagram for shortened course. The correct course should have been to finish as we did between the committee boat and the mark. As a result of this mistake by the committee, we lost many places and I would respectfully suggest that as the only yacht that finished correctly per 32.2 we may have been the only boat in the fleet to properly finish the race and therefore won the race

We are seeking redress of many places as we finished last even though we could have finished ahead of 6-8 boats. Perhaps average score from the second race. ... or alternately the committee should throw out the race from the series.

8. Damage Or Injury

Attachments

[Drawing of the protest](#)