

DECISION

Protest by TC

Request No.: 04

Event: 2022 Chicago to Mackinac Race Number: na
Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-25

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 04: Technical Committee

Section 1 - Trophy - 52329 - Grit - Scott Hornick

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed PIC told at the end of the post-race inspection

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Rick Lillie represented the Technical Committee.

FACTS FOUND

Grit (USA 52329) noticed a battery issue when the ship VHF's would not power on for a pre-finish check roughly two miles south of the Mackinac Bridge.

Grit made her required pre-finish radio calls via handheld VHF.

At her finish, Grit could not start her engine.

After the finish, the crew found that the dedicated engine battery switch had been left on for approximately 10-12 hours following the last battery charge during the race.

Grit requested and received a tow from another competitor, Talisman, into her dock space.

The CMSR requires that a boat have fuel sufficient to continue motoring for 10 hours after the finish.

Grit's engine did not start during the inspection as the battery was drained during the race.

Engine started at the dock after a charger was attached.

Grit had sufficient fuel at the post-race inspection.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: CMSR 5.6

There is no rule in the CMSR that requires a boat's engine start on command during the post-race inspection.

No rule was broken.

DECISION

Protest is dismissed.

Date & Time: 2022-07-25 11:15 CDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Wendy Loat (CAN)

Committee Members: K Hawkins (USA), Patricia O'Donnell (USA)

Written Decision Requested By: Rick Lillie (TC) (delivered 07/25/2022 c. 1200PT)