

# DECISION

Request No.: 01

## Request for Redress

Event: Singapore Regatta 2023 Race Number: 1  
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-12

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: IRC - HKG 2183 - Red Rum One - Manning John Steven Zain

Race Committee

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** N/A

**Red Flag Displayed:** N/A

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

#### FACTS FOUND

1. Race 1 for the Flagged Divisions is a passage race of 42 nautical miles. The finishing line is near Pawai Buoy (west of Singapore).

2. SI 9.2 says that, for the Flagged Divisions, the finishing line may be moved from Pawai Buoy to Pulau Sakijang Bendera (St John Island) Tower (south of Singapore) because of poor weather or the boats are unlikely to complete the race within the Race Time Limit. SI 9.2 further says that the decision to move the finishing line to Pulau Sakijang Bendera (St John Island) Tower will be made if by 1500 Hours, the leading boat for each class has not passed the transit trajectory points between Tembakul Beacon (Red lateral tower, east of Sakijang) and Seringat Beacon (Red lateral pile, east of Seringat). SI 2.2 permits the race committee to make changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water. Any such changes will be broadcast over VHF channel 77.

3. Before noon, the wind speed started to drop. Fearing that no boat will finish the race within the Race Time Limit, the race committee moved the finishing line to Pulau Sakijang Bendera (St John Island) Tower and notified the Flagged Divisions via VHF channel 77 and WhatsApp chat group of the relocated finishing line. Most boats acknowledged that they received the message. Red Rum One did not. The race committee made several attempts to call Red Rum One over VHF channel 77. There was no response from Red Rum One. Red Rum One had three working VHF radios onboard.

5. Red Rum One came to learn of the relocated finishing line from the VHF chatter amongst the other boats. By then, she had sailed past the relocated finishing line. She turned around and sailed towards the relocated finishing line. She crossed the finishing line at 1347 hours.

6. An image downloaded from the Automatic Identification System (AIS), maintained by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, showed that at 1334 hours, Red Rum One was directly south of the relocated finishing line and was heading west.

7. Red Rum One was scored third on her corrected time.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 62.1(a), SI 2.2 and SI 9.2

1. The decision to move the finishing line to Pulau Sakijang Bendera (St John Island) Tower is not in compliance with SI 9.2.

2. Red Rum was unaware that the finishing line was relocated to Pulau Sakijang Bendera (St John Island) Tower. As she had sailed through the transit trajectory points between Tembakul Beacon (Red lateral tower, east of Sakijang) and Seringat Beacon (Red lateral pile, east of Seringat) hours before the scheduled time, there was no reason for her to

believe that the finishing line will be relocated to Pulau Sakijang Bendera (St John Island) Tower.

3. Had Red Rum One been aware of the relocated finishing line at Pulau Sakijang Bendera (St John Island) Tower, she would have sailed a slightly lower course and crossed the relocated finishing line at about 1334 hours.

4. Red Rum One's place in race 1 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by an improper action or omission of the race committee. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a)] are met.

**DECISION**

**Date & Time:** 2023-08-12 20:35 UTC

1. Redress is given to Red Rum One.
2. Red Rum One is to be recorded as having finished race one at 1334 hours on 12 August 2023.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Committee Type** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Selvam Mookken (SGP)

**Committee Members:** Teo Wee Lee (SGP), Wee Tee Teo (SGP)

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