

# DECISION

Protest by TC

Request No.: 10

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

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 10:** Technical Committee

Beneteau 40.7 - Trophy - 40742 - Wired - Brian Angioletti

**Witnesses:** Alex Verslype for the Technical Committee; Travis Wilhite for Wired

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required PIC told at the end of the post-race inspection

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

## FACTS FOUND

After finishing, Wired turned her engine on to motor to the dock, but the gears could not be engaged because the prop was fouled by a spinnaker guy.

The boat requested a tow into the docking area.

During the post-race inspection, Wired was able to start the engine, but the gears could not be engaged.

The post-race inspection revealed deflection to a stanchion, resulting in damage to the starboard forward lifeline and causing the lifeline to drop below tolerances.

The lifeline deflection was measured pre-race and the boat passed her pre-race inspection.

The post-race inspector reported that the boat's name was not on the Lifesling.

The Lifesling was new and had not been serviced.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** CMSR 2.4.4.1, 3.31

The CMSR does not require life-saving equipment that has not been serviced or that has to be unpacked to meet the requirement of CMSR 3.31.

The lifelines were damaged after the boat was no longer racing.

CMSR does not require that the engine be capable of forward or reverse gear after finishing.

No rules were broken.

## DECISION

Protest dismissed.

**Date & Time:** 2022-07-25 14:21 CDT

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Wendy Loat (CAN)

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