

Request for Redress

Protest No: 01

Received At: 2023-09-29 16:06 CEST

1. Event Name: EUROSAF Double Female Offshore European Championship (EDFOEC)

Protest On: 2023-09-29

Race No: 2

2. Hearing Type

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| <input 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

Figero 3 - 07 - Miseno - Connie Stevens

4. Protestees

1. Race Committee

5. Incident

Time Place: Start line for leg 2

Rules: Unequal treatment between competitors, and lack of communication and details on official groups, notice boards, sailing instructions and notice of race as well as non compliance with these documents in regards to communication and no relevant information was given in skippers briefing.

Witnesses:

6. Informing Protestee

Hail:

Hail When:

Hail Comment:

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment

Other:

Other Comment: Calling and placing multiple messages through official and unofficial media channels.

7. Description Of Incident

During leg 1 our boat suffered a broken Spinnaker early hours of the night. When possible we sent message via sat phone of incident, to which we got no response. Although sailing instructions detail that race committee must be informed we were not informed that the option of a new kite would be possible. We continued to sail the race, and due to lack of signal relied on Sat phone updates requested from sailing instructions as part of our official communications. We received no response to any communications put forward in unofficial and official groups and when another boat requested a kite in the group, they were told not to place message in Whatsapp and to message Andrea directly. As we could not respond via Whatsapp at this time we requested a kite as soon as we could via Sat phone. Again we got no response so we continued. On arrival into Montenegro, we received a kite at the yacht club and our broken kite removed from the boat. Within 20 minutes of the start of Leg 2, an official race committee member said we had to give our kite to another boat. When asked why, it was said that the boat had made an official request in the WhatsApp group and that since it had happened before it took priority. This boat through leg 1, continued to use their broken kite as they repaired it for part of the race, ours was unrepairable and taken off us before the race. We asked what the official method of request was, and was told it was a message in the WhatsApp group. In the sailing instructions it does not any point say that an official claim must be made through the WhatsApp group and as we had no signal to access the group, we were put at a disadvantage. Two boats who broke their kites received new kites and we were required to sail leg 1 with no kite. This meant that two other boats were given priority over us even though we followed protocol through official channels and due to the lack of information provided by the race committee, it ended up disadvantaging us and benefiting other competitors incorrectly. As leg 2 is predominantly downwind or broad reaching leg, we are a huge disadvantage and risk losing a podium position gained during leg one as our speeds and ability to race is reduced. We have check the SIs and NOR with no details in either about this issue, we also can show that we sent both Whatsapp and sat phone messages with no response from race office. We are protesting due to race committee prioritising other competitors with no justification from any official documentation and therefore is unfair bias towards us even though we followed protocol to the best of our ability during the race. The lack of communication and following of protocol in this situation has lead to our disadvantage and other competitors advantage in leg 2.

8. Damage Or Injury

Attachments