

Request for Redress

Protest No: 07

Received At: 2023-10-10 15:45 IST

1. Event Name: Autumn League 2023

Protest On: 2023-10-10

Race No: 3 - race 2 on Saturday 7th October

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

Puppeteer - 385 - Ibis - Susan Sheridan

4. Protestees

1. Race Committee

5. Incident

Time Place: Race 2 on Saturday 7th October.

Rules: Incorrect application of rule 32

Witnesses: Harry Gallagher PRO on inshore fleet. Alan Blay - helm on Trick or treat. All crew from Ibis.

6. Informing Protestee

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

7. Description Of Incident

Ibis started, sailed the course and after flag F was raised at the leeward mark on round 1, with repeated sound signals, we proceeded to round the leeward mark and sail directly to the finish line. We finished the race within the time limit. We received a sound signal when we crossed the line. Our finish was confirmed by PRO Harry Gallagher in HYC after racing. I left the race area shortly after finishing.

8. Damage Or Injury

I was aware that some boats retired after I had finished e.g. Blue Velvet passed Ibis on the return to the harbour under engine.

I do not know how many boats retired and how many attempted to finish the race. However, I was informed that puppeteer racing was subsequently 'abandoned'. However, rule 32 states that 'after one boat has started, sailed the course and finished within the race time limit, if any, the race committee shall not abandon the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series'.

This race should not have been abandoned as my boat had finished the race. There are significant consequences for us if the race is unfairly abandoned, as we won the race and followed correct process. The race should stand even if only 1 boat finishes, as has happened many times in the past.

On Sunday 8th October when no results were posted, I logged a scoring enquiry. This resulted in Ibis being awarded a win for this race on Monday 9th October, as they are entitled to under the rules of racing. I was informed of this decision, as was the HYC Autumn League 2023 What's App group.

On Tuesday 10th October, this decision was changed to race abandoned. This is unfair as the decision to abandon occurred some time after Ibis had finished and won the race. This decision has significant implications for Ibis series.

Ibis was recorded as finishing the race at 16.07.55. I do not know at what time the decision to abandon racing for the remaining competitors was made.

Attachments



[Image from HYC results website with Ibis winning Race 3.](#)