

# PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 1

With Case(s): 2,3,4,7,8

Race: 3

## PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Race Committee		Tim Hancock
Shotgun 26		David Chapman
Nifty 16		Tom Cheney
Jubilee 41		Chris Turner
Adrenaline 31		Euan ?
Bullit 45		Not present
Flying Jenny 32		Not present
Flung 34		Not present

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role

Valid – Yes/No (if 'No' use Facts Found to document this decision)

<p><b>Case Introduction:</b> (Type of hearing and one or two sentences to set the scene of the case e.g. 'A boat to boat incident at the leeward mark' or 'A request for redress for being scored OCS.')</p> <p>A request for redress alleging an improper action by the RC at the start of race 3</p>
<p><b>Procedural Matters:</b> (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)</p> <p>26, 16, 41, 31 &amp; 45 requested redress</p> <p>The RC requested redress for bow numbers 16, 45, 34, 26, 41 &amp; 32</p> <p>The cases were heard together under RRS 63.2</p> <p>Bullit, Flung and Flying Jenny were not in attendance the hearing continued under RRS 63.3b</p>
<p><b>Facts found:</b></p> <p>Race 3 start was held under blag flag on the second attempt</p> <p>The RC identified 6 boats (16, 45, 34, 26, 41 &amp; 32 ) as BFD and displayed their numbers on the board on the CV</p> <p>The pin end boat dragged during the final minute by around 80-90 metres with a 20deg bias change</p> <p>The second attempt of the start was general recalled</p> <p>Boat 31 Adrenaline was not identified as BFD and was not displayed on the board</p> <p>Boats 16, 45, 34, 26 &amp; 41 did not start in attempt # 3</p> <p>Boat 34 &amp; 32 did start and finished in attempt #3</p> <p>Boat 34 &amp; 32 was scored DNE by the RC</p> <p>Boat 31 was scored DNS by the RC</p>
<p><b>Conclusion &amp; Rules:</b></p> <p>The race committee made an improper action by failing to postpone the start when the pin end dragged</p>

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Boats 16, 45, 34, 26 & 41 scores were made significantly worse through no fault of their own

Boats 34 & 32 were scored DNE as they sailed in the race after having been identified as being BFD. Their scores were not therefore made worse through no fault of their own

Boat 31 was scored DNS and she did not start in attempt #3 and her score was not therefore made worse through no fault of their own

***Decision:***

Redress is granted to boats 16, 45, 34, 26 & 41

Redress is not granted to boats 34, 32 & 31

Redress is as per A9a for races prior to the final scheduled day of racing and no worse than 13th

**Request to Withdraw:**

**Request Approved:**

***Protest Committee:***

Niall McLeod, Bill Wyatt.

International Jury: No

***Signed:***

Date, time: 01/09/23 2015