

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 8 With Case(s): 9&10 Race: 3

PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Race Committee		Tim Hancock
Adrenaline 31		Euan ?
Flying Jenny		Rob Greenhalgh
Flurg		David Cummings

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Josie Gliddon	Flying Jenny
Ian Williams	Khumbu
	Aja

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

<p>Case Introduction: (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><i>A request for redress alleging an improper action by the RC at the start of race 3</i></p>
<p>Procedural Matters: (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)</p> <p>The requests for redress were submitted as soon as reasonably possible after the boats became aware of their scores in race 3. Chris Draper (Adrenalin) attended as an observer</p>
<p>Facts found:</p> <p>Race 3 start was held under black flag on the second attempt The pin dragged during the final minute before the start by around 80 – 90 meters and 20 degrees bias change. The RC general recalled the start The RC identified 6 boats (16, 45, 34, 26, 41 & 32) as BFD and displayed their numbers on the board on the CV The RC hailed bow numbers on the VHF at least twice. They requested boats identified to not race in the next attempt. The VHF communication from the RC was unclear with many boats hearing different numbers. Flying Jenny and Flurg did not hear their numbers hailed Adrenaline clearly heard her number hailed Both Flying Jenny and Flurg were significantly back from where the line would have been had the pin not dragged.</p>
<p>Conclusion & Rules:</p> <p><i>There was an improper action of the RC in not postponing the start when the pin dragged and in not clearly identifying boats over VHF. Having clearly heard her number Adrenalin complied with the reasonable request of the RC to not sail in the next race (SI4) Her score was made significantly worse through no fault of her own. Having clearly heard their numbers and having confidence they were nowhere near the original start-line, Flurg and Flying Jenny's scores were made significantly worse through no fault of their own. The requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a) are met</i></p>

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Decision:

Redress is granted to Adrenalin, Flurg and Flying Jenny
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, Jack Fenwick

International Jury: No

Signed:

Date, time: 02/09/23