

ISORA – Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association



REDRESS

Race 1 - 23rd April 2016

Date heard: 24th April 2016

APPLICANT: Ruth (Liam Shanahan)

DECLARATION: Peter Ryan – Chairman of ISORA declared that he was racing in the same race but that his boat was not affected by the claim for redress. This was accepted.

VALIDITY Request for redress was accepted.

FACTS FOUND

1. For technical reasons the finish line had not be laid as the fleet approached the finish
2. Ruth was the leading boat and approached the finish line as defined in the sailing instructions
3. Calls to the ISORA finisher for clarification of the finish line confirmed that the finish line was being laid in the position outlined in the SI's
4. A subsequent VHF call from the finisher redefined the finish line at the sewer outfall buoy
5. The change in definition of the finish line caused Ruth to sail an extra 0.46 miles
6. Finish times were taken on the transit from the position of the finisher at the lighthouse through to and beyond the outfall buoy

CONCLUSION

There was an error in the finish procedure caused by a technical problem in laying the outer distance mark and by the redefining of the finish line after the first boat had finished.

Ruth was significantly affected and was entitled to request redress by reducing her finish time by the amount requested being 3 mins 15 seconds.

The protest committee sought to make as fair an arrangement as possible for all boats affected, whether or not they asked for redress (Rule 64.2.) due to the omission of the race committee (Rule 62.1.)

The Protest Committee considered the effect on the Adeli and Jedi and concluded that they were not materially affected and their finish times should not be adjusted

The Protest Committee considered the effect on all other competitors in the race and concluded that no other boats were affected by the change in finish definition.

DECISION Accept the claim for redress and adjust the finishing time for Ruth. All other finish times remain unaltered.

PROTEST COMMITTEE: Stephen Tudor (Chairman), Peter Ryan