

## TORNADO WORLDS 2016

10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Lindau, Germany, Lake of Constance.

### JURY HEARING RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL JURY: Sergey Kuzovov (IJ) (RUS) chairman; Willii Gohl (IJ) (GER);  
Mufti Kling (IJ) (GER); Wolfgang Hofmann (NJ) (AUT); Bryan Willis (IJ) (GBR).

#### **Interesting story about room at the finishing mark, hails and flags**

In race 5 on Wednesday the Jury members on the water noticed four boats all overlapped approaching the finishing line to finish at the starboard end. The inside boat was not given room and to avoid contact was forced to sail the wrong side of the mark and then gybe and tack to cross the line later, losing several places. As he was carrying out the turn, his friend, who had already finished, shouted to him to tell him to protest the boat that squeezed him out. But of course shouting 'protest' after the turn was too late, and there was no flag, so he could not lodge a protest.

What would have happened had he shouted 'protest' promptly and shown a protest flag? The protest would have been valid, and if lodged there would be a hearing by the Jury. If the boat that squeezed him out had been able to satisfy the jury that he could not have given room because of the boats outside of him, then he might escape penalty. Maybe the most outside boat would be disqualified in the hearing for not giving enough room for the three boats inside him.

So the boat that was squeezed out would gain one place (although there is no possibility to give him more).

So the lesson is: if you have an incident and are aggrieved, shout 'protest' loudly and if there is no reaction from the protested boat, shout it again! Then promptly display your protest flag and keep it displayed till the finish. Then you have the option to lodge a protest if you want to. You don't have to. But if you don't hail 'protest' and display a red flag you lose the option.

The reason why you have to display a flag is because the Tornado is 6.02m and only if your length is less than 6 metres is a flag unnecessary. But the immediate hail of 'protest' is always required.

The purpose of the hail (and flag) is so the protestee can decide whether or not to take a turn penalty.

#### **Tactics**

Now, nothing to do with the rules.... As explained above, had the boat that was squeezed out protested, he might have got one boat disqualified but that would lift his position by only one place. Maybe if he had been given room he would have finished first of this group. What should he have done (from a tactical point of view)?

Long before they reached the mark he should be hailing to the outside boats 'overlap – you must all give me room – I need more room – I am the inside boat – I will protest if you don't give me room' and so on, to try to encourage them to give room early. There is no obligation in the rules to hail for room at a mark, but it can often avoid losing places.