

TORNADO WORLDS 2016

10th to 17th 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).

Hearings 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 (heard together); Race 6, 16th June 2016.

GRE 77 (Maria Tsaousidou), NZL 44 (Aaron Duncan), ESP 11 (Vincent Ribas), AUS 334 (Brett Burvill); AUT 379 (Dominic Kopp); AUS 5 (Gavin Colby); AUT 348 (Jaqueline Feuerstein); CZE 1 (Pavel Sehnal); CZE 57 (Miroslav Falta)

9 boats requested redress claiming that the Race Committee should have abandoned the race because the wind was continuously below 3 knots for longer than a 15 minute period on the last leg of race 6 and that this was an improper action or omission.

RRS 62.1 (a): 'A request for redress ... shall be based on a claim or possibility that a boat's score in a race or series has been ... through no fault of her own, made significantly worse by ... an improper action or omission of the race committee, ...'

Two boats finished within the time limit for the first boat (90 minutes), and a further 11 finished within the time limit of 30 minutes after the first boat finished. 15 boats did not finish within the time limit and were scored DNF.

Sailing Instruction 11.7: 'A race shall be abandoned if the wind is continuously below 3 knots for any 15 minute period before the first boat that sails the course finishes. The wind has to be measured at the deck of the RC boat.'

The Principal Race Officer stated that he recorded wind readings from his anemometer every thirty seconds, standing on the deck of the race committee boat. These records showed that there was no 15 minute period in which the wind strength was below 3 knots before the first boat finished.

The Race Officer stated that he used his own anemometer standing on the deck of the race committee boat and when it showed a reading below 3 knots, he restarted his timer on his watch. He confirmed that at no time before the first boat finished did his timer exceed 15 minutes.

The Jury interprets SI 11.7 such that the 3 knots mentioned in the first sentence must be measured at the deck of the RC boat.

The Principal Race Officer was of the opinion that he was compelled to use only SI 11.7 to determine whether or not to abandon the race. The Jury disagrees. There was no restriction on him using RRS 32.1(c) or (e) if appropriate.

RRS 32.1(c) and (e): 'After the starting signal, the race committee may ...abandon the race ... because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will finish within the time limit, [or] for any other reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition.'

However, the Jury is satisfied that none of the criteria in 32.1 applied in this case.

It was not an improper action or omission of the Race Committee to apply SI 11.7. Furthermore, none of the criteria in RRS 32.1 applied.

Jury decision: Redress is denied.