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Class Tornado

Fleet

Race 6

Protest time limit 18.30

Protest, or request for redress or reopening, is within time limit Time limit extended

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by see below

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by PRO Paul Bastard

Names of witnesses Markus Gielen (RO), Iordanis Paschalidis, Mavros Nikolaus

Interpreters

Remarks

No objection about interested party Written protest or request identifies incident 'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity n.a.No hail needed; protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity n.a.Protest or request valid; hearing will continue Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed

FACTS FOUND 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) sought redress claiming that the RC should have abandoned the race because the wind was continuously below 3kn for longer than a 15 minutes period on the last leg of race 6. 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. 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 minutes 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. None of the requestors gave evidence that they measured the wind with own devices.

Diagram of boat is endorsed by committee Committee's diagram is attached

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY 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.

SI 11.7 reads: '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 Jury disagrees with the opinion of the PRO. There was no restriction on him using RRS 32.1(c) or (e) if appropriate. 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.

Note: Further explanations are given in the attached paper.

DECISION

Protest: dismissed **Boat(s)** is (are) disqualified from race(s)
penalized as follows :

Redress: not given **given as follows** :

Request to reopen a hearing: denied **granted**

Protest committee chairman and other members Sergey Kuzovov (IJ) (RUS) chairman; Willii Gohl (IJ) (GER); Mufti Kling (IJ) (GER); Wolfgang Hofmann (NJ) (AUT); Bryan Willis (IJ) (GBR).

Chairman's signature

Date and time June, 16th 20.30hrs