

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No:

Race: Brass Monkey Series Race 1 – Division 1 Saturday 04 May 2024

PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Salamander 111 (S191)	Division 1	Monica Jones

WITNESSES

Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Noel Robbins	Race Officer on Committee Vessel

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

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.')

Request for redress by Salamander 111 due to delayed start, light wind conditions, failure to shorten course or abandon race, failure of committee vessel to display 'L' flag.

Procedural Matters: (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)

Chairperson declared he was a race participant in Div 3.

David Gaylor HBYC Vice Commodore present as observer only.

Nil issues.

Facts found:

Please see over page.

Conclusion & Rules:

1. The amendment to the starting time was properly notified.
2. There is no requirement on the Race Committee to extend a fixed time finish.
3. There is no requirement on the Race Committee to abandon a race if a boat finishes.
4. There was a prospect that faster boats could finish, but not slower boats.
5. The Race Committee contacted a competitor for advice.
6. The course set for Division 1 was appropriate for the conditions as forecast.
7. The wind fell light.
8. The Race Committee made no error in setting the course for Division 1 in the conditions.
9. There were no errors or omissions in the lead up to or starting procedure of the race.
10. The race committee should have abandoned the race when the wind conditions lightened.

Decision:

1. The race for Division 1 is to be abandoned.

Request to Withdraw: Nil

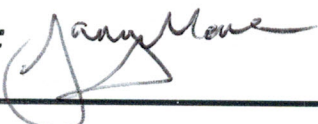
Request Approved: N/A

Protest Committee:

International Jury: /No

Gary Marks (HBYC) Chairperson / Andy Warner (RYCV) / Richard Matterson (RMYS)

Signed:



Date, time: 09 May 2024 7.30 pm

Facts found:

1. Race 1 of the Alaster Edwards Memorial Brass Monkey Series was on Saturday 4 May 2024.
2. At the request of RMYS the first warning signal for Race 1 was delayed one hour to 1255.
3. A notice to competitors was issued on 2 May 2024 advising of the change to the start time.
4. The time limit for all Division 1 boats to finish is 1615.
5. The race started in less than 5 knots of breeze.
6. The forecast breeze for the day was variable winds.
7. The course for Division 1 was Course 32 with a finish at RMYS tower. Division 2 &3 had a boat finish.
8. The course length for Division 1 was 11 nm. The course length for Divisions 2 and 3 was 6 nm.
9. One boat in Division 1 finished within the time limit.
10. The Race Committee did consider abandoning the race for Division 1. This included a call to HBYC sailing administrator who was a competitor in the Division 1 race.
11. The Race Committee did not consider shortening the course for Division 1 due to not having a boat available .It was not possible to move the finish vessel due to different courses.
12. The Race Committee did consider the course length and the shorter timeframe for running the first race of the series when selecting the course.
13. The course length set was suitable for consistent breeze.
14. The breeze did not stay consistent throughout the race.
15. The wind at Fawkner Beacon at 1500 was recorded as Calm (<1 knot).
16. A number of boats retired during the race.