

Decision of Protest Committee

Protest Number:	01		
Date of Hearing:	17 Feb 2021 (held on Zoom)		
Event:	Brighton Championships	Race Number:	6
Date of Incident:	30 Jan 2021		
Redress request:	Race Committee	Represented by:	John Spencer
On behalf of:	All competitors		
Attending:	Denis McConnell – <i>Schuss</i> Ken Christensen – <i>MyHappyPlace</i> Marg Neeson – <i>Wild Child</i> Geoff Adams – <i>True Colours</i> Chad Humphries – <i>True Colours</i>		
Validity:	Request for redress is valid – time limit extended.		
Facts Found:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The race was a fixed time race.2. Each competitor was scored based on their position at 1500hrs.3. Competitors were responsible for transmitting their GPS coordinates to the RBYC Sailing Office.4. The coordinates received for <i>Flying Fox</i>, <i>My Happy Place</i> and <i>Mirrabooka</i> were incorrect or incomplete, and placed them far from the course area.5. <i>Mirrabooka</i> retired after the race had completed.6. After publication of the results the Race Committee became aware of errors in the results and subsequently republished the revised results based on additional information received.7. At 1500hrs <i>True Colours</i>, <i>Flying Fox</i> and <i>My Happy Place</i> were on a windward leg from R4 to RBYC4, offshore of St Kilda Marina.8. <i>True Colours</i> was ahead of <i>Flying Fox</i> who was ahead of <i>My Happy Place</i>.9. <i>Flying Fox's</i> position is inconsistent with the coordinates initially recorded by the Race Committee.		
Diagram:	See Attachment 1.		
Conclusions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It is unclear whether the error in recording <i>Flying Fox's</i> and <i>My Happy Place</i> positions were made by the Race Committee or the competitor.2. The benefit of the doubt is given to the competitors on where the error was made.3. <i>My Happy Place's</i> co-ordinates had one misplaced digit.4. <i>Flying Fox's</i> position could be estimated based on visual evidence from other competitors		
Rules that Apply:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 60.2(b) Request for Redress by Race Committee2. 62.1(a) Request for Redress conditions3. 90.3(c) Scoring revision by Race Committee		
Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Request for Redress upheld.2. <i>Flying Fox</i> to be allocated its most likely GPS position of 37°51.780'S 144°56.690'E.3. <i>My Happy Place</i> to be allocated GPS position of 37°51.690'S 144°56.772'E.		
Protest Committee:	Paul Pascoe, John Mooney, Peter Osbourne, Richard Geake-Ransome		
Decision Advised:	20 Feb 2021		

Attachment 1

Also available at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1wahVI7QC74cITflb8EPTirVScvDj-VNG&usp=sharing>

