

Decision of Protest Committee

Organising Authority	Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Protest Number:	1
Protest Heard With:	n/a
Date of Hearing:	04 Feb 2021
Event:	2.4
Date of Incident:	30 Jan 2021
Race Number:	2
Boat Protesting, Requesting Redress or Reopening:	Whitewash
Boat(s) Protested:	Race Committee
Representatives:	Protestor: Mark Seager { Competitor} Protestee: John Spencer { Race Committee}
Translator(s):	n/a
Validity:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The protest was lodged 10 min outside the protest time limit.2. Lodgement of the protest was delayed by difficulty in recovering the boat onto the hardstand due to there being a crowd of boats at the crane.3. The protest committee decided that there was good reason to extend the protest time limit by 10 min and did so.4. Protest or request valid, hearing continued
Facts Found:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. The race committee laid a yellow windward mark for races 1 and 2 in lieu of an orange mark as specified in the SI's.6. In Race 1, all competitors, including Whitewash, successfully rounded the yellow windward mark.7. Prior to the start of race 2, the race committee signalled a course axis of from 175 to 160 due to a wind shift and laid the yellow windward mark on that bearing.8. Whitewash did not see the change of course which was displayed on the course board at the stern of the committee boat before the starting sequence for race 2.9. Whitewash sailed to the right of the new bearing and had to bear away to the windward mark, after she noticed other 2.4's rounding it, and may have lost a number of places as a result.
Diagram:	Not submitted.
Conclusions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The race committee acted improperly by the use a yellow mark instead of an orange mark, without amending the sailing instructions.2. Whitewash's finishing place was made significantly worse through her own fault and not the improper action of the race committee in that:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. She had already sailed around yellow windward mark in the previous race and could have rightly assumed that the yellow mark was the correct mark:

b. She sailed too far right on the beat as a result of not observing the change of course axis displayed on the committee boat and her finishing place was made worse as a result.

Rules that Apply: 62.1

Decision: Redress is not given

Protest Committee: John Mooney,{ Chairman}, Rob Ware NJ and Andrew Merritt

Chairman's Signature:

Date and Time Decision 05 Feb 2021 at 1930

Advised: