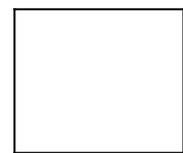


Decision of Protest Committee



Date of Hearing: Tuesday 27 October 2020
Regatta: Roy McDell Memorial Race
Organising Authority: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
Date of Incident: Saturday 17 October 2020
Party requesting redress: **Race Committee**
Boat(s) for which redress has been requested for: **Nirvana, The Big Kahuna**
Representatives: Race Committee: Bryan Taylor
Boats: n/a

Validity / Procedure:

- Nirvana and The Big Kahoona did not attend the hearing, so the hearing proceeded under RRS 63.3(b).
- The request was received after the protest time limit.
- However, because the request was lodged as soon as the Race Committee became aware of their error, the Protest Committee found there was a good reason to extend the time limit under RRS 62.2.
- Request valid, hearing continued.

Facts Found:

1. The race was started five minutes earlier than the scheduled starting time.
2. The Big Kahoona and Nirvana were a considerable distance from the starting line at the time of the starting signal.
3. Both boats started the race approximately four minutes late.
4. Both boats took over seven hours to complete the course.

Diagram: None

Conclusions:

1. Starting the race five minutes before the scheduled time was an improper action of the Race Committee under RRS 62.1(a).

2. The Big Kahoona and Nirvana's scores were not made significantly worse.

Rules that Apply: RRS 62.1, RRS 62.2.

Decision: **Redress is not given**

Protest Committee: Louis Mayo NZL NJ (Chair)
Doug Elder NZL IJ
Sean Bainbridge NZL CJ

Chairman's Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Mayo', written in a cursive style.

Date and Time 27 October 2020 at 18:25
Decision Advised: