

Protest Committee Decision

Event: 2022 Sydney Harbour Regatta

PARTIES

Boat/Class/Fleet/RC/PC	Represented By	Hearing date
Sol (MH101), Performance Class Non-Spinnaker Race Committee	Carl Crafoord Ian McKinnon	06/03/2022

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Case Summary:

Request for redress concerning Performance Class Non-Spinnaker Race 3

Procedural Matters:

Witness: Martin McLean was not available at the time of the hearing.

Facts found:

1. During the first start sequence for race 3, preparatory signal P Flag was not displayed at 4 minutes before the start signal.
2. Before the start signal, the race committee postponed the race by displaying Flag AP with two sound signals.
3. The race committee broadcast on VHF 73 the postponement and its intention to make a new warning signal at 1105.
4. From her pin end position, Sol did not hear the sound signals or see the flags, or hear any VHF broadcast and proceeded to cross the start line and sail the course based on her timing for the first start sequence.
5. A second start sequence was completed and 6 boats were scored DNS including Sol, while 7 boats finished the race and were scored accordingly.

Conclusion & Applicable Rules:

1. There was neither an improper action or omission of the race committee.

Decision:

Redress denied.

Protest committee:

Erica Kirby, Peter Lowndes, Damien Boldyrew

Parties advised 06/03/2022 1610hrs