

Protest Number	1 2 3
Event	CYCA Short Haul Pointscore 2021 - 2022
Race Number	11
Date of Hearing	31 March 2022
Date of Incident	26 March 2022
Protests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protest 1 was a protest by One More No More against Cyrene 3, Holy Cow, Next and Yputakiteup • Protest 2 was a protest by Cyrene 3 against unknown boats • Protest 3 was a protest by Cadenza against Cyrene 3
Parties	<p>One More No More (8035) represented by Ian Guanaria Cyrene 3 (8412) represented by John Gardiner Cadenza (8301) represented by Gunnar Tuisk Holy Cow represented by Kim Cardow Yputakiteup represented by Alex Stewart MHYC Race Committee represented by David Staley</p>
Validity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing request 1 was found to be invalid against Holy Cow, Next and Yputakiteup as One More No More did not inform the other boats at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 61.1(a)(3)), but was valid against Cyrene 3. • Hearing request 2 was found to be invalid as Cyrene 3 did not identify the protestees prior to the hearing (RRS 61.2(a)), nor did they inform the other boats at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 61.1(a)(3)). • Hearing request 3 was found to be valid.
Procedural Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the hearing requests arose from the same incident (boats not sailing the course), they were heard together under RRS 63.2. • After the validity was confirmed, a letter from Steve Tucker (Race Officer on the start boat) was read to all parties. The letter acknowledged errors made during the running of the race. • After a discussion with all parties attending, protests 1 and 3 were withdrawn and the Protest Committee closed the hearing. • The Protest Committee then opened a hearing to consider redress (RRS60.3(b)).

Facts Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the start of the race, course 2 (course to the south) was shown on the start boat. • The mark boat laid the mark consistent with course 4 (course to the north). • After a query from a competitor, the start boat radioed all competitors indicating that the mark was in position consistent with course 4. • All boats that started were given a finish time. • All boats sailed the course they believed to be correct, some sailing much further than others.
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The race committee misinterpreted the Sailing Instructions, causing them to indicate the incorrect course and then changing the course after the start. • This caused the boats, in spite of their best efforts, to sail incorrect courses which significantly impacted on their finishing times.
Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redress is to be given to all boats in the fleet due to an improper action of the Race Committee (RRS62.1(a)). • Race 11 is to be abandoned (RRS 64.3).
Protest Committee	Karl Garavan, Timothy Cox, Erica Kirby (chair)