

CYCA

TP52 Series – Event 4 – Race 3 on 30-04-2022

Hearing: Zen Request for Redress

Hearing Held Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 7.00PM

Zen represented by: Sean Kirkjian

Race Committee by: Steve Kidson

#### VALIDITY

1. The Request was lodged at 17.30 when the Protest Time Limit was 16.42 based on the finish time of the last boat.
2. Zen finished some 7 minutes after this and was recorded DNF
3. The race course was at the northern end of the Manly Circle offshore and there was no wind
4. The committee considered the time to pack up and return to Rushcutters Bay and decided it was appropriate to extend the time limit as required by RRS 61.3

#### FACTS FOUND

1. The TP52's were on leg 2 approaching the bottom gate
2. The wind which was very light and shifty had changed from 310 to 280.
3. The Race Committee made a decision to change the course from its original bearing of 310 to 280 and radioed the mark boat at the top of the course to move the windward mark
4. When the lead boat Zen was approximately 30 seconds from the gate the Race Committee vessel that was approximately 100m to leeward of the gate displayed Code Flag "C", started making repetitive sound signals on their air horns, displayed the new course bearing on a sign board, and made radio transmissions about the change of course, all until after the last boat had rounded the mark
5. Zen rounded the mark and shortly after heard horns and then radio transmission
6. Zen stated that after the race one of her crew said they heard horns at the gate
7. Zen rounded mark 3 in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### CONCLUSIONS

1. The Race Committee complied with the requirements of RRS 33 when changing the course and thus there was no improper action or omission by the Race Committee

RULES APPLICABLE RRS 33, 62, 61.3

DECISION The Request is Denied

#### THE PROTEST COMMITTEE

Steven Hatch IJ IU, Karl Garavan, David Jacobs