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Withdrawal requested **Signature** **Withdrawal permitted**

Protest time limit 17:55

Protest, or request for redress or reopening, is within time limit **Time limit extended**

Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by POR 36; Pedro Rodrigues (coach)

Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by OA - Ben Remocker

Names of witnesses

Interpreters

Remarks

Objection about interested party

Written protest or request identifies incident

'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity

No hail needed; protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity

Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity

Protest or request valid; hearing will continue **Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed**

FACTS FOUND

1. On the 6th of July the initial group assignments were published and posted at 7PM which assigned POR 36 to the red fleet.
2. New group assignments were published and posted on the 6th of July at 8:30PM which changed POR 36's assignment to the blue fleet
3. No notice to competitors was published to inform them a change had been made.
4. 14 boats were affected by the change
5. POR 36 did not check the assignments in the morning
6. POR 36 raced the 1st race with the red fleet and raced the remaining 3 races with the blue fleet
7. All other boats sailed in the correct fleet.

Diagram of boat POR 36 is endorsed by committee **Committee's diagram is attached**

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. There was an improper action by the Organizing Authority by not publishing a notice informing the competitors that changes to the fleet assignments had been made.
2. By not checking the fleet assignments on the morning POR 36's score was not made significantly worse through no fault of her own as required in rule 62.1.

DECISION

Protest: dismissed **Boat(s)** is (are) **disqualified**
penalized as follows :

Redress: not given **given as follows** :

Request to reopen a hearing: denied **granted**

Protest committee chairman and other members Alan Baser GBR, Alfredo Ricci ITA, Douglas Sloan USA, Manuel Santos e Silva POR, Manuel Ken Gamito POR

Chairman's signature

Date and time 7/7/2015; 19:30