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Protest nr: 102

Class	49er
Protestor	FRA 1 - Erwan Fischer
Protestee	Race Committee
Witnesses	AUS 47 - Otto Henry, FRA 95 - Lucas Rual, GBR 4 - James Grummett, NZL 250 - Seb Menzies
Type	protest & redress
Incident	I was close to cross the finish line. When I see the N flag display on race commity. Few boats had already finished the course. With this décision the race commity broke the rule 32.1.
Date/Time of hearing	4 Apr 2025 at 20:20
Location	Room 1
Procedural matters	1. FRA 1 was represented by Erwan Fischer. 2. GBR 4 was represented by Rhos Hawes. 3. AUS 47 was represented by Otto Henry. 4. The Race Committee was represented by Pinar Coscuner Genc. 5. Emile Amaros (helmsman of FRA95) gave evidence as a witness for FRA 1, GBR 4 and AUS 47. 6. Carlos Garcia Motta and Chris Lindsay, members of the International Jury, gave evidence. 7. Hearing No.102 was heard together with hearings No.104 and 115 in accordance with RRS 63.(2)(b) since all hearings arose from the same incident. 8. During the hearing the International Jury clarified in accordance with RRS 63.2(c) that the hearing requests No.102 and 104 were just a request for redress, and proceeded with them accordingly.



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Facts found	1. The wind conditions at the start of the first attempt to sail race 14, were 8-9 knots. 2. Mark no. 1 was set at 100 degrees. 3. When the boats were on the 1st downwind leg, there was a shift to 115 degrees, but the wind came back to the original direction, within 2 minutes. 4. During the last leg, the wind was continually shifting to the right and decreased up to 3 knots. 5. When the 1st boat finished the race, the wind was 120 degrees. 6. When the 3rd boat finished the race, the wind had shifted to 160 degrees. At that moment the Race Committee decided to abandon the race after consulting with the PRO. 7. November flag was displayed, when the 9th boat had crossed the finishing line. At that moment, the time limit had not expired yet. 8. Before abandoning the race, the Race Committee considered the consequences for all the boats competing in the series.	
Conclusion	There was neither an improper action nor improper omission of the race committee. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 61.4(b)(1) are not met.	
Rules applicables	RRS 61.4(b)(1) and 63.2(b),(c)	
Jury Decision:	Redress is not given.	
Date of decision:	4 Apr 2025 at 21:00	
Jury members	Manuel Ken Gamito, Carlos Garcia Motta, Chris Lindsay, Giorgio Davanzo, Alina Stratigiou	
Signature:		

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