

## Response to objections by Achtung Baby.

### **In part:**

*Is it normal to change handicaps published pre-race or on a Notice of Race according to Rule J1.1(4) after start/completion of that race? My understanding is that NoR is deemed final because that is what competitors plan and race to.*

### **Findings:**

The Race Committee of PHS has become aware of objections to changes made to the race results of the Short Ocean Race held on 26th October 2025.

These changes were made in the light of an error coming to light in the way that Progressive Handicaps had been calculated after the preceding race. The changes were made to bring the starting handicaps into line with the method set out in PHS Handbook Section. The changed results were published more than 24 hours after the initial results were posted on the PHS website.

The PHS Race Committee do not consider the on-going calculations of the Progressive Personal Handicap (PPH) to be a part of the NOR. The section of the handbook which forms the NOR deals with the method of calculation rather than the outcome. Corrections may be made in line with the method specified.

However, in its considerations, the Committee has applied rule 90.3e of RRS

*When so stated in the notice of race, ....., there shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 24 hours after the later of*

- (1) the protest time limit for the last race of the event;*
- (2) being informed of a protest committee decision after the last race of the event; or*
- (3) the event results are published*

### **Conclusion:**

In this case, as the changes were announced more than 24 hours after the initial results had been published, so that the initial results published must stand. The results of this race will be those used for the determination of the SO Series results. Calculations of PPH for future races in the Short Ocean Series will be made after the correction of the earlier errors.

### **Race Committee:**

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