

Request for redress by if it fits.

Hearing: At RMYC – Board room at 7:30pm on 16/03/2020

Protest Committee: John Barter, Alistair Rowe and Glenn Smith

Notified: 11/03/2020

Preliminary: The request was lodged in accordance with the rules and detail supplied prior to meeting. Agreed by race committee to proceed with hearing

Request for Redress by Ian Ford:

"If It Fits" was lifted out on the ship lift at Burraneer Bay Marina on the last range of 1.97-1.95m tides in working hours for this year.

It was out at 9am Monday 9th March and lowered on Wednesday 11th at 9.30am for the 10.26 am high tide.

The vessel was completed and on the lift by 4.30 pm Tuesday. The crew were organised to attend and transfer the boat to its pen and change oils and ready the boat for the twilight race.

At 8am I was informed that there was a problem with the lift, and they were doing everything to get it going. We waited at the boat until the ebb tide reached 1.5, but there was no movement, so we left, waiting for a call when repaired on Thursday.

I went to the point to watch the start of the race and saw the conditions, light winds, strong tide which suited If It Fits and decided to text a claim for redress to John at 5.01 pm on the 11/03/20

Rule 62.1 For redress states, if a vessel has been or may be, though no fault of her own, made significantly worse off, and then list a range of situations in 4 parts that could apply.

My case rests on the intent of this section, which is to create a fair competition, so that a boat through no fault of her own is penalized.

There are special regulations in the club rules for points allocation to boats competing in regattas, representing the club, which do not fit into no fault of her own, but create a fair value in the point score.

I request redress and award average points for the year to date ,16 races for race 17.

Facts found:

The committee had no reason to doubt about the facts presented by Ian Ford.

Rules Applicable:

1. RMYC-PH Racing Handbook Page 15 clause 8 (e) and (f).
2. RRS Part 5 62.1 62.2

Conclusion:

1. There is no provision in the Racing Handbook for this request.
2. RRS 62.1 specifically lists the grounds for redress in (a), (b), (c) and (d). No provision is made for the request by if it fits.

Therefore, the race committee denies the request for redress in this instance.