

New-York Vendée 2024

Case #01

Initiator : Race Committee (Christophe Gaumont)

Respondent : Bureau Vallée (Louis Burton)

Procedure Matter

This hearing was held during the race in accordance with SI 12.4.

Valid protest.

Facts found

The race started at 18h00 TU.

At 21h00 TU, the RM received the tracks in a different format for all boats except Bureau Vallée.

10 minutes before this deadline, Bureau Vallée realized what time it was, she attempted a first sending via FTP, which failed. Then, she tried by email but the connection was inoperative.

Bureau Vallée sent at 21h02 to RM a picture of its Adrena software screen on a large scale by WhatsApp.

This picture does not provide the timing and GPS coordinates at the starting phase.

Bureau Vallée sent at 21h17 a CSV file containing information useful for track check.

Bureau Vallée sent at 21h37 a TRZ file allowing RM to easily check the track of the start.

All boats close to the starting line have been checked by RC and 4 boats but not Bureau Vallée, have been declared OCS.

Conclusion

By not sending their track and/or logbook within 3 hours of the start, Bureau Vallée broke SI 7.2.2.

In deciding the penalty, the jury used SI 11.2.2 and Appendix 6 of SIs to apply the Jury's power of discretion, noting that:

Bureau Vallée did not compromise safety, gain a competitive advantage or cause damage or injury.

This breach is not listed in the penalties table, the Jury chose a time penalty of range 1 (0H-4H).

The jury used the questions in Appendix 6 to justify a decrease in the penalty time.

Decision

A time penalty of 30 minutes is imposed on Bureau Vallée.

This penalty shall be taken according to SI 11.5

Posted 31th May 2024 at 13:0 TU

Romain Gautier IJ FRA, Chairman of the International Jury,

Other members: Corinne Aulnette IJ FRA, Trevor Lewis IJ GBR, Cristofol Morales IJ ESP, Liz Procter IJ GBR.