



## Laura Gloria Series 2023

### Notice to Competitors #3

I have received a request for review of the results from yesterday.

The course for the race selected was 28 in the course book as follows:

Course No28 Distance approximately 7.0 miles.

Through starting line, round No17A Channel Pile to port, round No80 Channel Pile to port, round Mark "O" to port, round No80 Channel Pile to port, round Mark "O" to port, round No80 Channel Mark to port. Then to finish.

Mark 'O'

A yellow special purpose buoy located approximately 150 metres north of the RYCV marina.

At each rounding of Mark "O" competitors must physically cross a line between Mark "O" and the Start/Finish Box on the RYCV Marina while leaving Mark "O" to port.

RRS 32 allows a race committee to shorten a race. On this occasion the reason for doing this was the fairness of the race whereby the failing breeze was making it less likely that any boat would finish within the time limit, and it would certainly affect the fairness of the competition for smaller boats. RRS32.1(b) and (d)

In accordance with RRS 32 we signalled a shorten course as the boats approached Mark "O" at the end of the second of three laps, intending it at the line to be crossed between the Start/Finish box and mark "O" leaving "O" to Port (RRS 32.2(b))

LEVEL C and SHORE THING crossed the line leaving "O" to starboard and were scored NSC by the race committee without a hearing RRS Appendix A 5.1

I have considered Appeals Case 129 which is based on an event with laid marks and a committee vessel that can move with no fixed line for competitors to cross.

In our case we had an event with fixed marks, and an immoveable start/finish box mounted on an obstruction making the space between mark "O" and the start/finish box a line that must be crossed in a particular direction bringing into play RRS 32.2 (b).

	<p>I opine that Case 129 is not a case that can be relied upon in our circumstances.</p> <p>I have considered Appeals Case 82 which had as its basis that it was difficult for a boat to reasonably ascertain which was the course side of the finish mark.</p> <p>As stated above it was the intension on the race committee to shorten at a line, but a competing boat could have interpreted this as shorten course at a mark RRS 32.2(a) and thus establish a level of doubt.</p> <p>This case 82 establishes a precedent that there may be two correct ways of finishing and that in the case of doubt the finishing time for both directions should be recorded.</p> <p>Based on Appeals Case 82 it is the Race Committees decision to reinstate the finishing places of LEVEL C and SHORE THING.</p> <p>Andy Warner CRO for the Race Committee 12/05/23 1500hrs</p>
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