



Reference No:

006

JURY DECISION

Rockall III Request for redress

Event: 2010 Commodores' Cup**Race:** 6**Facts found:**

A Committee vessel was flying flag C at mark 2, without any numeral pennants.

The change of course signalled at mark 2 only applied to Class 3.

While in the vicinity of mark 2, when listening to the VHF, **ROCKALL III** heard VHF traffic from Ocean One about changes to the finish line for all classes.

Classes 1 and 2 rounded the initial mark 3 (Elephant), and **ROCKALL III** followed.

ROCKALL III was leading its class by 1 minute 46 seconds at mark 2 (Raymarine), ahead of **ROXY 6**.

Announcements for the course about the finish line were made well before any display of course signals at the mark prior, which was the RORC buoy.

When **ROCKALL III** saw boats in her class continuing past mark 3 (Elephant) to the new mark 3 (Salt Mead), she called Ocean One and learned of the course change for her class.

ROCKALL III subsequently rounded the new mark 3 (Salt Mead) for the second time 11.00 minutes behind **ROXY 6**.

Race Signals were not modified in SIs.

SIs allowed for signalling a change of course any distance ahead of the affected mark.

Conclusion:

The announcement of course changes to the finish line compounded by a lack of a class flag for the course change at mark 2, led to confusion and misunderstanding of the location and identity of the subsequent mark by **ROCKALL III**.

Rule(s) applicable: RRS 62.1 (a) , Race Signals, A.10 (c)**Decision:**

RDG: 12 minutes 46 seconds to be deducted from the elapsed time of Rockall III at the finish, as per A.10 (c), and the scores for Class 3 to be adjusted accordingly.

Jury: Tom Rinda, USA ; Mufti Kling, GER; Jean-Louis Fabry, FRA; Chris Watts, GBR; Sonia Mayes, GBR

Signed: _____ Date: 19 August 2010