



Reference No:

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## JURY DECISION

### Rockall III Request for redress

<b>Event:</b> 2010 Commodores' Cup	<b>Race:</b> 6
<b>Facts found:</b> <p>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, <b>ROCKALL III</b> 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 <b>ROCKALL III</b> followed. <b>ROCKALL III</b> was leading its class by 1 minute 46 seconds at mark 2 (Raymarine), ahead of <b>ROXY 6</b>. 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 <b>ROCKALL III</b> 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. <b>ROCKALL III</b> subsequently rounded the new mark 3 (Salt Mead) for the second time 11.00 minutes behind <b>ROXY 6</b>. Race Signals were not modified in SIs. SIs allowed for signalling a change of course any distance ahead of the affected mark.</p>	
<b>Conclusion:</b> <p>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 <b>ROCKALL III</b>.</p>	
<b>Rule(s) applicable:</b> RRS 62.1 (a) , Race Signals, A.10 (c)	
<b>Decision:</b> <p><b>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.</b></p>	
<b>Jury:</b> Tom Rinda, USA ; Mufti Kling, GER; Jean-Louis Fabry, FRA; Chris Watts, GBR; Sonia Mayes, GBR	
<b>Signed:</b> _____ Date: 19 August 2010	