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Michael J. McDonald  
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Re: Appeal of Redress of 6 October 2017; Coaster's Harbor Navy Yacht Club, Rhodes 19 Fleet

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This is the decision of the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association's Appeals Committee on your appeal of the redress decision regarding the Coaster's Harbor Navy Yacht Club, Rhodes 19 race on September 27, 2017.

The appeal involves a redress concerning the scoring of a race that had been shortened under rule 32 and the "*definition of finish*."

The appeal was received electronically from US Sailing on October 25, 2017 and has been determined by the NBYA Appeals Committee to be timely and that you are a party to the request. Additional parties to the appeal were not identified.

Unfortunately, based on a review of the materials presented, it is the conclusion of the Appeals Committee that there are numerous conflicts and insufficient facts in the information provided to decide this appeal.

It is the decision of the Appeals Committee that this matter be returned in accordance with rule R5.4 (page 173 in the Racing Rules of Sailing) for a reopening of the hearing. At that hearing, in accordance with rule 66, a majority of the original hearing panel should be included, and it is the recommendation of this Appeals Committee that at least one US Sailing certified Judge be included. All parties (please refer to rule 63.2 and its US Sailing prescription) must be included.

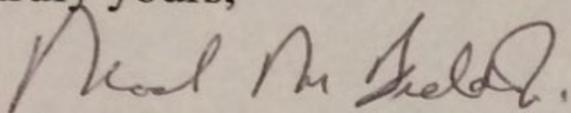
In particular, the following additional facts need to be determined and forwarded to this Appeals Committee, c/o Noel M. Field, Jr, chairman.

- + A list of competitors and contact information for those involved in this race and representatives of the race committee and protest committee (the Parties);
- + When did the race committee signal "S" with 2 sounds;
- + What was the positioning of each competitor when the RC signaled "S" with 2 sounds;
- + In what order did the competitors round mark #12;
- + What occurred at mark #11;
- + Was there any protest of a boat under rule 28 or based on the definition of *finishing*;

- +When was the original request for redress filed (date and time);
- +When was your appeal filed (date and time);
- +the facts found, conclusions and decision for any hearing or hearings.

It is possible that as a result of the re-opening, additional facts or a different conclusion and decision may be reached. Under rule R5.4, it is the responsibility of the protest committee to promptly report its decision and the facts to the Appeals Committee.

Very truly yours,



Noel M. Field, Jr., Chair, NBYA Appeals Committee  
Copies to: NBYA Appeals Committee Members and  
Coaster's Harbor Navy Yacht Club Race Committee