

2021 Fall MASSA Keelboat Championship

Redress: Hampton Roads

Jury: Tom Sollas (chair), Pris Gettis, Harry Foote

Heard via Zoom 11/21/2021 1500

Hampton Roads represented by Pierce Brindley

OA/RC represented by Robert Lippincott

Broadneck High School represented by Johnathan Weed (request to join as party)

Key School represented by Mason Cooke (request to join as party)

Validity

Form handed to Robert Lippincott at 1703, Protest Deadline was 1710. Redress was considered valid.

Facts Found:

1. NOR 3.5 states crew maximum weight limit of 650lbs.
2. NOR 1.2 states that in event of a conflict, the SI Addendum will take precedence.
3. SI Addendum 11 states the total combined crew weight including gear shall not exceed 650lbs.
4. All teams were required to weigh in with the clothing (boots, drysuits, life jackets, etc.) that they planned to sail in.
5. The Hampton Roads team was recorded with a team weight of 663.5lbs. This weight was on their second weigh in and was recorded as the team's final weight by the RC.
6. The OA emailed the NOR, SI Addendum, and related documents on 11/9/2021 and again on 11/11/2021.
7. Hampton Roads was allowed to sail but was scored DSQ for all races.

Conclusions:

1. While the NOR was silent about what gear was required during to be worn during weigh in, the SI Amendment was explicit.
2. All teams were weighed in with the same gear requirements.
3. NOR 1.2 clearly states that the SI Addendum takes precedence, therefore the RC's requirement to include "gear" as part of the weigh in is correct, and not an error or omission by the RC.
4. While Hampton Road's score was technically made worse, they should have been excluded from the regatta per RRS A5.
5. Hampton Roads had ample time to determine the proper team members to make the required weight, therefore they do not meet through no fault of their own, and thus are denied redress.

Decision:

Redress is denied.