



# PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case Number(s): 1

**POST-RACE PENALTIES** Before the start of the hearing the following boats took a Post-Race penalty

Boat(s) & Signature: n/a

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW** *state reason for decision in facts found*

Withdrawal allowed / not allowed Initiator signature n/a

## TYPE OF HEARING

Request for Redress

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** *state conflicts and reason for decision in facts found*

Declared by member / alleged by party. n/a Parties agree to continue / Protest committee decides to continue

**THE PARTIES** All parties were identified, notified of the time and place of the hearing, and given time to prepare. YES / ~~NO~~.

Parties present & names Oliver Meadowcroft – Exeter 1

Parties not present Proceed / Postpone until

## OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Witness name, sail number or role, called by

Interpreters:

Observers were present and informed of their obligations: YES / ~~NO~~

Daisy Nunn – Exeter Commodore / Cam Yates – Exeter / Robin Alexander - BUSA

**VALIDITY OF THE REQUEST** *state reasons in facts found*

Hearing request is: Valid / ~~Not Valid, the hearing is closed.~~

## FACTS FOUND

1. The Notice of Race for the event specified that teams with a World Sailing (WS) ranking as of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, would be given priority (4.6a).
2. The published World Sailing (WS) Ranking list as of 1st February 2024, contained no ranking for the helm of Exeter 1 (Oliver Meadowcroft) and this led to his exclusion (4.6b)
3. Knowing of the requirement to have a ranking, the helm of Exeter 1 had previously sailed in events to accrue ranking points in advance of 1<sup>st</sup> February, and was thus entitled to a ranking as of 1st February 2024.
4. WS had incorrectly entered details of the helm, so his ranking was not displayed on the WS website as of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.
5. WS (on the prompting by the helm) updated & published their ranking list for 1st February 2024 to include the missing ranking.
6. The OA did not use the updated ranking to consider eligibility for the event.

Diagram attached YES / NO                      Source: Boat ..... (endorsed by committee) / Committee's own diagram

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**RULES THAT APPLY AND CONCLUSIONS**

76.1 / NoR 4.6(a)

Exeter 1's score in the series was potentially made significantly worse through no fault of his own by an improper action or omission of the Organising Authority.....

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**DECISION**

No penalties given    OR    penalties as follows .....

~~Redress not given~~    OR    given as follows    ..... The OA are instructed to update their entry list based on the updated rankings.....

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**PROTEST COMMITTEE CHAIR** ..... Greg Eaton..... **Signed** ..... **Date/Time 15/02/204 20:00**

Other members: ..... Mike Butterfield, Lorna Graham.....

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