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DECISION ON APPEAL

Appeal #2013-05
IOD #82, *YOUNGSTER*, v SF IOD Fleet Committee
SF IOD 2013 Season Championship Series

23 December 2013

SUMMARY OF SITUATION:

On 6 November 2013 the SF IOD Fleet Committee met and decided to score IOD #82 as DSQ for the five (5) races of the Logan-Page-Simpson regatta for the purposes of the SF IOD Season Championship Series. The scores of the Logan-Page-Simpson regatta were not changed. This decision was e-mailed to IOD #82 on 12 November 2013. IOD #82 appealed.

BASIS FOR APPEAL

IOD #82, as allowed by RRS 70.1(b), has appealed the decision of the SF IOD Fleet Committee alleging that she was penalized without the benefit of a hearing as required by RRS 63.1.

DECISION OF APPEALS COMMITTEE:

The appeal is invalid.

IOD #82 is incorrect in applying the Racing Rules of Sailing to this situation. The competitors were not notified via a valid Notice of Race or other document conforming to the requirements of RRS Appendix J1 that the RRS would apply. Therefore, the SF IOD Season Championship Series is not an event that is governed by the RRS. A Protest Committee or Appeals Committee has no jurisdiction over any aspect of the actions or behavior of the SF IOD Fleet in this matter.

The AAC also makes the following observations:

- No scores subject to the RRS may be changed by a decision of the SF IOD Fleet. Absent timely and properly filed protests, IOD 82's original scores in the Logan-Page-Simpson Regatta remain standing.
- IOD #82 has had ample opportunity to protest any boat that she felt was in violation of the class rules at events governed by the RRS or to appeal the class status of any boat to the SF IOD Fleet per their by-laws.
- The Basic Principle, RRS 2, and RRS 69 only apply to boats and competitors, not to other entities defined by the RRS (race committees, organizing authorities, etc.).
- The IOD World Class Association Constitution, By-Law VII, describes a process for appealing the decision of a local Fleet.

THE APPEALS COMMITTEE OF THE YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

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