



Protest #1 – Maverick Request for Redress Request to Re-open

Protest Number:	01		
Boat Protesting:	Maverick	Boat Protested:	Request for Redress
Validity:	Request to re-open		
Facts Found:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maverick requested a re-opening under RRS 66 on the grounds that the Jury has made a significant error by misinterpreting NTC number 6, in particular the two sentences “<i>Competitors shall return to their suspended racing Latitude irrespective of Longitude. Competitors shall make every effort to recommence racing as soon as practically possible.</i>” 2. Maverick’s contention was that this meant that all boats should start racing as soon as they had reached their re-start latitude, which in her case was immediately she left Southport. She contended that at the time of the restart, Expedition showed the offshore restart to have a 12 hour advantage over an inshore restart. 3. The Jury had taken the view that the first sentence allowed competitors to sail to their preferred longitude, and then recommence racing as soon as possible, but not then sit and wait at this Longitude for a favourable wind pattern. 		
Conclusions:	<p>The Jury acknowledges that NTC number 6 could have been more specific in the intent of the second sentence “recommence racing as soon as practically possible” and that this could have been interpreted as requiring competitors to commence racing as soon as they reached their suspended racing latitude.</p> <p>However, the Jury does not believe that it has made a significant error as the action of the RC in the wording of NTC number 6 was considered “unfortunate” although not “improper”.</p>		
Rules that Apply:	66		
Decision:	Request to re-open is denied.		
Protest Committee:	Paul Pascoe, Rob Ware, Lisa Mackay, Masaaki Tanaka, Leonard Chin, Katsuya Hashiba		