



PROTEST FORM and DECISION

Race Committee vs. Serenite and Geminis Dream Posted to Official Notice Board: July 16, 2018

1. EVENT: Vic-Maui 2018
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Royal Vancouver YC and Lahaina YC
DATE: July 2, 2018
 2. TYPE OF HEARING
Protest of Boat(s) by Race Committee
 3. BOATS PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING
Not Applicable
 4. BOATS BEING PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS
CLASS: Cruising Class SAIL NO: CAN 44 and USA 93
BOAT'S NAME: Gemini's Dream and Serenite
 5. INCIDENT
TIME AND PLACE: Juan de Fuca Traffic Separation Scheme,
2200-2400 hrs, July 1, 2018
RULE(S) ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN: SI 1.4 and IRPCAS 10 (j)
WITNESS(ES): Seattle Vessel Traffic Services
 6. INFORMING PROTESTEE (How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?)
By informing in some other way. Details: Via Email during Daily Roll Call on July 2, 2018
 7. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:
Both vessels are alleged to have entered the designated shipping lanes at night and did not respond to repeated hails on VHF from Seattle VTS. Vessels did not respond to Satphone calls from Race Committee. Vessels may have responded (after delay) to Email Request from Race Committee.

Seattle VTS incident report indicates that they advised commercial traffic following the Traffic Separation Scheme to alter course to avoid both vessels.

Please see Seattle VTS Incident Report and Replay of VTS monitoring system (attached)
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FOR USE BY PROTEST COMMITTEE:

Upon agreement with both boats on facts found and penalty, Race Committee has withdrawn the protest. This decision upheld by Protest Committee

FACTS FOUND

Serenite - As Agreed by Victor Mushkatin, Skipper

As supported by the Incident Report provided by USCG Seattle Traffic Services, Serenite did not adhere to provisions related to IRPCAS 10 j and caused commercial traffic in the appropriate shipping lane to alter course. Further, Serenite did not maintain appropriate communication watch in failing to respond to VHF hail by Seattle VTS or satphone call from Race Committee.

Serenite is penalized 24 hours for causing commercial traffic to alter course
Serenite is penalized a further 4 hours for failure to maintain adequate communication watch.

Both penalties will be added to Serenite's elapsed time.

Gemini's Dream

Gemini's Dream retired from the race and returned to home port. No further time penalties are assessed

Both Boats

Both boats are required to send a letter to USCG Seattle Vessel Traffic Services outlining their understanding of the importance of adhering to proper procedures when travelling within Traffic Separation Schemes.

Signed,
Richard Ballantyne, Race Officer, Vic-Maui 2018
