

# DECISION

Request No.: 06

## Protest

Event: ICRA National Championships Race Number: 1  
Hearing Schedule: 2021-09-03

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 06:** Cruisers 1 - Offshore - IRL10800 - Rockabill - Paul O'Higgins

Cruisers 1 - Offshore - IRL2729 - Searcher - Pete Smyth

**Witnesses:** None

**Interpreters:** None

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Protest valid. Searchers crew did not appear initially at the hearing start time but when Tim Greenwood of searcher was contacted he declined to represent Searcher in the hearing.

### FACTS FOUND

East Kish was the previous mark.

Bay mark W was to be passed to port. SI 12.3.

Searcher gybed downwind and passed the mark to starboard

Searcher was informed by Rockabill that she hadn't in their view finished correctly

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS28 SI12.3

#### CONCLUSION

The instruction to finish in SI 12.3 is sufficiently unclear for a boat to see which way to cross the finish in the absence of a race committee vessel. Therefore the time posted by Searcher at the Bay mark W is valid. No change shall be made to Searchers score

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2021-09-03 19:01 UTC

Searcher's submitted finish time stands.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Bill OHara (GBR)

**Committee Members:** Ailbe Millerick (IRL), Ed Alcock (IRL), Eunice Kennedy (IRL)

**Written Decision Requested By:** Rockabill