

## Decision of Protest Committee

**Protest Number:** 1

**Date of Hearing:** 4 April 2021

**Regatta:** 2021 Sorrento Cup

**Division:** 1A, 1B, 2

**Date of Incident:** 3 April 2021

**Race Number:** 1

**Requesting Redress:** Race Committee  
(requesting redress for all boats)

**Represented by:** Ben Fels

**Witness:** Andrew Skinner  
(Div 2 handicapper)

**Validity:** Request for redress valid, hearing continued.

**Facts Found:**

1. The *Club Aggregate* and *Passage Aggregate* series' are scored across two divisions over more than 25 races throughout the season.
2. The *Sorrento Cup* was scored across three divisions of unequal size for a single race conducted on 3 April 2021.
3. The *Sorrento Cup* Notice to Competitors specified that a boat's score in the *Sorrento Cup* would be included in the aggregate series' results, and that her score would be her score in her *Sorrento Cup* division.

**Conclusion:**

1. There is no equitable method for converting the results from three divisions into results for two divisions, especially considering the unequal size of divisions.
2. It was improper of the Race Committee to attempt to convert the results from three divisions to two divisions and would make the scores of many competitors worse through no fault of their own.


**Rules Applicable:** 62.1(a)

**Decision:**

1. **Redress is given.**
2. **The *Sorrento Cup* is to be scored as a standalone event, the results of which will not count towards the *Club Aggregate* and *Passage Aggregate* series'.**
3. **The handicaps for subsequent races in the *Club Aggregate* and *Passage Aggregate* series' shall not be affected by the *Sorrento Cup* results.**

**Protest Committee:** Paul Pascoe (Chairman), Glenys Hitchen, Richard Geake-Ransome

**Chairman's Signature:**



**Decision Advised:** 4 April 2021