

World Sailing Regulation 32 Investigation Report on an International Judge

Decision Summary

The ROC and sub-committee chairs decided that no further investigation be taken. The IJ received a formal warning and reprimand for his behaviour in the described incidents outlined below.

Report Summary

World Sailing (WS), Race Officials Committee has received a complaint under WS Regulation 32 against a WS International Judge (IJ)

The allegations were:

- During a North American Championships, the male IJ made a statement to a female IJ that she understood as if they were suggesting that she were a prostitute; this statement was made in the presence of three other race official colleagues; it made the IJ feel humiliated, insulted and degraded in front of the colleagues.
- In the same event, the male IJ made two other remarks that had sexual inferences and were disrespectful; first, about another male IJ; and second, about the club's treasurer.
- The behaviour of this IJ at this event is alleged to reflect a lack of understanding of sexual harassment and bullying, and thereby could have violated the fundamental requirement of The World Sailing Code of Ethics that is safeguarding the dignity of the individual, prohibiting harassment and mental injuries to participants.

Under World Sailing Regulation 32, the report received has been reviewed by the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee and the Vice President responsible for World Sailing Race Officials, and they have categorised it as Category B under WS Regulation 32.5.

This states:

"Where a report or complaint is categorized as Category B, the World Sailing Race Official concerned shall receive an allegation based on the report. The Race Official can either accept the allegation or request an investigation. If the Race Official accepts the allegation, the Chairmen of the Race Officials Committee and all its Sub-committees shall make a decision in accordance with Regulation 32.9. If the Race Official requests an investigation, formal action by World Sailing shall be taken."

The IJ submitted a response to the allegations of which he accepted and individually took action in attending education on matters relating to safeguarding. No further investigation was requested.



The Race Officials and Sub Committee Chairs therefore decided that no further investigation be taken as per World Sailing Regulation 32. The IJ received a formal warning and reprimand for his behaviour in the described incidents.

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For and on behalf of the World Sailing Race Officials Committee