



Royal Ocean Racing Club Rating Office

Acura Key West Race Week, International Jury.
AcuraKey West Race Week, Race Committee

By E-Mail

Ref: COOL BREEZE 90123

23 January 2009

Gentlemen:

Re: COOL BREEZE, Division 1, Class IRC-2.

I have very regrettably to report an error on the IRC certificate of COOL BREEZE.

The error is that the IRC Hull Factor was incompletely assessed before issue of the certificate. The originally issued certificate, dated 9 January 2009 shows Hull Factor of 9.0 and TCC of 1.168. The corrected Hull Factor is 10.8 which results in TCC of 1.192.

I confirm that this was an error of the IRC Rating Authority.

The original certificate dated 9 January is invalidated in accordance with IRC Rule 19.7

19.7 Where the TCC is reviewed and found to be more than 0.005 greater than before, the contested certificate is invalid from the date of issue.

A re-issued certificate issued this morning has been sent to US Sailing, COOL BREEZE's IRC Rule Authority and is also attached to this E-Mail.

I believe that IRC Rule 20.3 is relevant:

20.3 A boat whose certificate is invalidated as a result of an error or omission by an IRC Rule Authority or by the IRC Rating Authority, of which the boat could not reasonably have been aware, may be penalised at the discretion of the protest committee. Additionally, a protest committee may order that races scored using the invalidated certificate shall be re-scored using the corrected TCC.

Noting that the assessment of Hull Factor lies within the confidential element of IRC, a boat could not reasonably be aware that her IRC Hull Factor had been incorrectly assessed. I do not believe therefore that imposition of a penalty on COOL BREEZE would be appropriate.

In the interests of equity for the whole of her class, I believe however that it would be appropriate for the Acura Key West International Jury to order that all races scored using the invalidated certificate be re-scored using the corrected TCC.

I am available on +44 1590 676255 or Skype mjurwin until 17:00 GMT today, and thereafter on +44 1590 626601.

With my sincere apologies.

Yours Sincerely

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