

**Appeal OSA 2002-01**  
**Race Committee vs LES**  
**June 1/2002**  
**Decision**

**Appeal Request:**

1. The Race Committee entered an appeal to a Protest Hearing held at the Port Credit YC on June 3, 2000, which was from a protest from the LORC Susan Hood Trophy Race 2002. June 1, 2002.
2. The Race Committee is appealing the results of this Protest hearing and that the Protest Committee erred in its interpretation of RRS 28.1.

**Situation and Protest Committee Decision:**

LES was observed rounding the PCYC turning mark, buoys to Starboard. She then passed between the PCYC turning mark and the finished mark, rounding the finish mark buoys to port, and crossing the finish line heading approx. southwest at 8:31.25. She then turned and crossed the finish line heading approx. North East at 8:32.10. Since the second crossing of the finish line was in the direction of the course from the last mark (PCYC turning Mark). The R/C was obligated to consider her as finished. The R/C had contacted LES by VHF after her first crossing of the finish line to say she was being protested for failing to sail the course. The Protest Committee decided that no rule was broken and that LES is entitled to be recorded as a finisher in the race as of her second crossing of the finish line.

**Appeals Committee Response:**

- (a) LES had finished until she started correcting an error made at the finishing line, at this point she had no longer finished and was still racing, RRS 28 has no time requirement to make a correction, you can do it any time before you finish. For a boat to correct her error 20 minutes later is acceptable under the rule.
- (b) The last problem to deal with is the fact that she might have received outside assistance. The assistance she received is the notification that she was going to be protested by the Race Committee. An immediate hail, or a hail (VHF included) 5 minutes after the incident fulfills the requirement of the protestor and of the Rules and does not constitute outside assistance. Monitoring the VHF near the finish line was specifically required under these sailing instructions.

**OSA Appeals Committee Decision:**

The Appeal by the Race Committee is dismissed, and the decision of the Protest Committee is confirmed.