

1. Event: LD 1 – Purple Line Organizing authority: MORF Date: July 18, 2020
2. Type of Hearing: redress request
3. Boat requesting redress: Tenacity Sail no: 54951
4. Incident: Finish mark out of position; Finishing location in question – physical vs published position of Mark 8, the Finishing mark.

Facts found:

1. Touring Machine (TM), sail number 27, served as Starting Committee Boat for the Race and also started the race as a competitor but then retired due to sail damage. After some difficulty, TM located Mark 8 in the general race area (Mark 8 was not at the position listed in Table 6 of the MORF SIs. It was found to be located approximately 0.51 nm WSW of the position listed in SI Table 6.), established a Starting Line and Started the race on time. TM's skipper suspected Mark 8 was not at its published position but was unsure because he had only recently acquired a GPS unit and was unsure that he had entered the Mark's coordinates correctly. Consequently, he did not notify the other race participants that Mark 8 might not be at its published position.
2. Several of the boats participating in the race, Mazel Tov, Serenity, and Tenacity, realized or suspected that Mark 8 was not at its published position. Tenacity made note of Mark 8's actual position and entered that location into its GPS.
3. After rounding the turning mark, WR2, most of the racers elected to navigate their return to Mark 8 to Finish, relying mainly on GPS. Using GPS, Mazel Tov, Serenity and Gaucho navigated to the published position of Mark 8 but did not find Mark 8 at that location. Not having found Mark 8 at its published position, Mazel Tov, Serenity and Gaucho recorded the times at which they reached the published position of Mark 8 and reported those times to the MORF Secretary as their finish times in accordance with the SSIs. They thereupon stopped racing. They did not pass close aboard the actual Mark 8 to Finish as required by the SSIs for Long Distance races and therefore did not finish the race.
4. Tenacity, having noted the actual position of Mark 8 during the Starting process, navigated to that location, passed close aboard the actual Mark 8 to Finish and recorded the time of that event which she also reported to the MORF Secretary as required by the SSIs. Upon Finishing, Tenacity again noted the position of Mark 8 and found that it had not moved from its position at the Start.

Rules that apply:

1. *MORF 2020 Race Book*, Special Sailing Instructions (SSIs) for Long Distance Races:

Starting/Finishing Instructions (Relevant excerpts)

Committee boats may compete in long distance races. After starting all Sections, the starting committee boat shall hoist anchor and make sail as quickly as possible in a seaman-like fashion. After turning off her engine she shall sail past the starting mark, noting the time as she passes the

mark – usually not more than 10 minutes after the last start. That time will be her starting time.

All boats must have an accurate time keeping device set to the correct time and writing materials for recording finish times. A boat that reaches the finishing mark and finds no committee boat on station shall pass the mark close aboard and record her finishing time. She shall then take station approximately 50 yards from the finishing mark in a direction perpendicular to the direction from the last mark before the finish thereby establishing the finishing line. ... Each boat should record its own finish time and ensure that the committee boat has properly recorded its finish.

2. *MORF 2020 Race Book* Race Committee Boat Procedures

After the Race:

4. ... Transmit the results to the MORF Secretary as soon as possible. Then send a copy of the completed work sheet and the list of starters in each Section to the MORF Secretary.

3. **SSI for Long Distance Series – Purple Line Race – Saturday, July 18**

First Warning: 10:00

Starting Area: Mark 1

Start Sequence: Section 7, Table 4

Course: Mark 1 to Wilmette Wreck Lighted Bell Buoy WR2 (WR2), port rounding, and finish at Mark 1 to port.

Distance: Time Allowance Mileage: 28.1 Nautical Mileage: 28.1

4. NOTICE BOARD – Notice of change to the SSI for the Purple Line Long Distance Race (Relevant portion of Notice)

JULY 16, 2020

OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD Purple Line Long Distance Race Sat 7/18 Starts and Finishes at Mark #8

Due to the missing #1 mark on the SA7 circle the Purple Line Long Distance Race, which starts at 10am on Sat 7/18, will start and finish at Mark #8 of the SA7 circle. This increases the length of the race from 28.1 to 28.6 NM.

5. *MORF 2020 Race Book*, Sailing Instructions:

9 Marks

Marks used in MORF races are listed in Table 6.

Table 6 Mark Locations (excerpt)

Mark	Latitude	Longitude	Description
8	41° 51.94'	87° 34.44'	315° - 1.25 miles SA7

Following Tables 6, 7 and 8 on page 13 of the MORF 2020 Race Book:

These headings and distances are for reference only. **Tables 6, 7 and 8** provide general information only and **are not to be used for navigational purposes**. No warranty or claim of any type is made regarding the accuracy of the information portrayed. (emphasis added)

Conclusions:

1. Mark 8 was located approximately 0.51nm WSW of its position published in Table 6 of

the *MORF 2020 Race Book*, but in the general racing area. Touring Machine, the Starting Race Committee Boat, located Mark 8, established a Starting Line and Started the Race on time. This established the position of Mark 8, which was both the Starting and Finishing mark for the Purple Line Long Distance Race, for the purpose of that race.

2. Tenacity Finished correctly at Mark 8. Mazel Tov, Serenity and Gaucho did not complete the Course and did not Finish. Touring Machine Retired after Starting due to sail damage.

Decision:

Redress is granted as follows:

1. Tenacity will be scored as Finishing the race.
2. Mazel Tov, Serenity, Gaucho and Touring Machine will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).
3. The course length will be calculated based on the actual location of Mark 8.