



**HEARING REQUEST**  
for **protests**, requests for  
**redress**, and **reopening**

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Time & date received \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_

Protest time limit \_\_\_\_\_ Filing # \_\_\_\_\_

**Race # Day/Date of Race**

**Event/Series**

1 June 25 2023

Southern Cross / Tahoe Cup

**Type of Hearing**

Protest

Redress

Reopening

**Boat or Committee Protesting or Requesting**

Making allegation, claim, or request

Boat (sail # / name) #10 Hot Sheet

-OR- Committee

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**Protestee(s) or Committee/Body**

Alleged to have broken a rule, or made an improper action or omission

Boat (sail # / name)

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-OR- Committee/Body Improper action - rule 34

**For a protest only, informing the protestee** How did you inform the other boat of your intent to protest?

If "Yes" when (for each)?

By hailing?  No  Yes

Words used?

By displaying a red flag?  No  Yes

Some other way?  No  Yes

Where / how?

**The incident**

For a protest: When and where did it happen? (e.g. 1/2 way along first upwind leg, pre-start just below pin, etc.)

For protests, please describe the incident. For redress or reopening, please state the reasons.

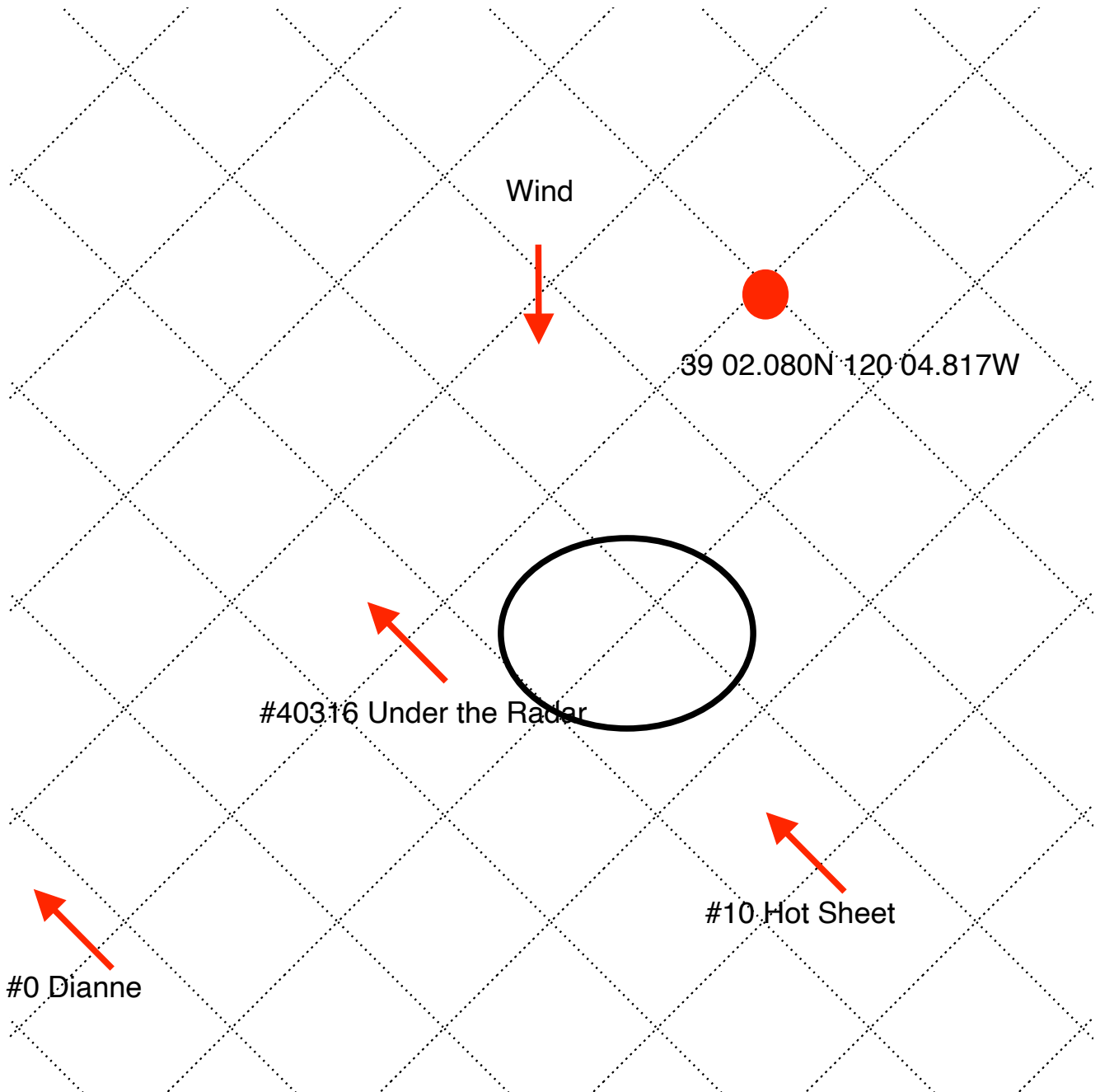
While approaching the area of TDR1 located at approximately 39 02.080N 120 04.817W as indicated in the SIs it was obvious that the mark was missing. 3 boats were in the vicinity, #10 "Hot Sheet", #0 "Dianne", and #40316 "Under the Radar". There was no committee boat in immediate the area, but the crew of #10 noticed a boat circling >1mi north. According to our GPS we were well beyond layline for the stated position of TDR1 and at this time we chose to tack onto port tack, thinking that the mark may have come off station and drifted north where the powerboat was circling. When we reached the area of the power boat, it became clear that this was a committee vessel, but they continued to motor north. At this time we were reaching down with #40316. Both #10 and #40316 and gestured to each other and the committee boat in confusion. After some time the committee boat raised the M flag, indicating the mark was missing, however they continued to motor north under power alongside #10 and #40316 and did not make repetitive sound signals as indicated by RSS 34b. Given the confusion caused by improper action of the race committee #10 is requesting redress. We continued to sail well past the race committee vessel once they ultimately stopped, as did #40316. Race committees' improper action also forced #10 to defend position and cover other other vessels, #0 and #29, on the next leg of the race. This disallowed #10 to take the fight directly #40316. Ultimately, #10 was able to cross the finish line in first and are requesting that not only this finishing position remain intact, but if any higher handicap boats were able to correct over #10 that she be given redress.

**Rules alleged to have been broken**

RSS 34b

**For either a protest or a request for redress or reopening (if relevant)**

**Diagram** Include wind and current (or continue the description of the incident and/or reasons)



**Witnesses** Please list by name

Greg Felton, Kurt Rasmussen, Steve Katzman

**USE ONLY TO WITHDRAW FILING**

I request to withdraw this filing \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of representative

Print name

Filing withdrawal approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of PC member

Print name