



32nd AMERICA'S CUP MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE

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The Chairman
America's Cup Jury,
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Rule 36.12 states "*Compartments or containers that hold liquid in a manner that may increase performance are prohibited. Any compartment or space which could hold water shall be drained with limber holes of size consistent with the rapid draining of that compartment.*"

The Oxford English Dictionary CD Rom Version 3.2 defines a compartment "*as a space or chamber partitioned off*".

It is considered that any compartment which is sealed in such a way that the ingress of water is prevented is not a "*compartment or space which could hold water*", and therefore does not require limber holes.

The compartments in question in SWE63 are not fitted with limber holes, nor at the time of inspection were they sealed.

The full Measurement Committee have consulted, and are of the opinion that the compartments in question, could, and in fact did, hold a significant quantity of water. As such these compartments, as found, were not in compliance with the second sentence of rule 36.12.

Accordingly the Measurement Committee is satisfied SWE63 was not in compliance with the ACC rule Version 5.0 following race 4 of Act 5 on 25th June 2005.

Yours sincerely,

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