

Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2009

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS 3.

The International Jury has considered the request for clarification from Alfa Romeo. The website predictwind.com service is available to everybody and the International Jury does not consider its use by a competitor a breach of RRS 41.

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>> Dear Tim,
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>> I've been working with quite a few boats in the last few weeks
>> helping navigators prepare for the Hobart race. During this time I've
>> heard mention of the Predictwind service many times.
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>> I strongly think that it is worth mentioning in the briefings
>> tomorrow that the use of Predictwind is ILLEGAL during racing as it
>> is a subscription service and falls clearly under the Outside
>> Assistance rule. A yacht has CHEATED if it logs onto Predictwind once
>> racing. Being a subscription service, I'm sure that Predictwind is in
>> a position to supply you with logs of who makes use of their service
>> during the race if they choose to - although their motivation for
>> doing this will be low I would have thought.
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>> I take this issue extremely seriously and would have no hesitation in
>> protesting a yacht which I learn has cheated by accessing outside
>> assistance for tactical purposes during the race. Hopefully it will
>> not come to this.
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>> Sincerely,
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>> Tom Addis
>> Navigator - Alfa Romeo