

2007 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

HOBIE AWARD CEREMONY

REPORT

1. The event was run under very difficult conditions (weather, equipment, connection between organizers, etc).
2. International jury, race officers and staff have done a wonderful work under these adverse circumstances.
3. After a long dialogue with Class Officials the Notice of Race has been altered to: "general rule 13.3 of International Hobie Cat Class was changed - both comptip and aluminium masts are legal".
4. On the qualification series the Hobie Brazilian crew with eleven points was first overall after eight races.
5. The crews from Guatemala, Venezuela and Puerto Rico followed with 20, 23 and 26 points.
6. At the end of the qualification series the crews from Guatemala, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, México and U.S.A. protested the Brazilian crew alleging that the top pieces of the masts (aluminium and comptip) had been switched although the mast had passed the measurement control.
7. The Jury found that the Brazilian crew used from race one to race eight the standard masthead from the aluminium mast on the comptip mast and no prior authorization from IHCA have been obtained for such change.
8. The Brazilian Hobie Cat was disqualified in races one through eight for infringing Class Rules and RRS 78.1.
9. The Brazilian crew protested the other five crews under alleged measurement infringements (elastic to keep forestay, trapeze wires, thickness of righting line, weights, etc).
10. The Jury dismissed these protests.
11. The Medal Race for the Hobie Class did not take place according to Sailing Instruction 8.5: "there will be no start after 4:00 pm on July 28th".
12. The Medals Award Ceremony took place at the boat parking, on open air, under continuous raining conditions.

13. On the day before the TD recommended the Organizers to run the Medals Ceremony under the big tent because the weather forecast foreseen incessant raining during all the following day. On the venue there were two big tents with more than 200 square meters.
14. But the Ceremony took place on open air at the boat parking.
15. The boat parking was divided by wired barriers in three protected sections: athletes and officials, media and spectators.
16. The Chairman of the Jury and the TD witnessed the Medals Ceremony from the ODEPA Family balcony projected over the boat parking.
17. The medals were given by ISAF Vice-President Teresa Lara, PASAF President Carlos de Mare and CORIO Secretary Carlos Osorio.
18. When the Hobie Cat awards were announced some people started to applaud and others mocking and yelling.
19. All through the ceremony the noise grew in intensity and the disapproval shouting overwhelmed the applauds.
20. On the floor in front of the podium we could see three bananas and one mandarin thrown by the crowd.
21. Nobody passed the wired barriers and I did not observe any physical violence. The military force was standing well outside the arena and the order was strictly maintained at all times by the Volunteers.
22. Please see on photo #1: to the left the barrier containing the spectators; on center the barrier containing press and TV; to the right the barrier with race officials and sailors.
23. Please see on photo #2: at the podium Vice-President Teresa Lara (blue jacket and white trousers) and CORIO Secretary Carlos Osorio (white raincoat). With light blue jackets the Volunteers.
24. Immediately after the ceremony (approx. 10 minutes) a meeting was held in the Competition Manager office between the CORIO Secretary Carlos Osorio, the Competition Manager Abraham Rosenberg, the Brazilian Federation Supervisor Frederico Ermel and the ISAF TD Armando Goulartt.
25. Right away an email was sent to the Brazilian Olympic Committee, CORIO Directors and the Brazilian Sailing Federation requesting disciplinary action and accusing three Brazilian sailors (the names were pointed out by Mr. Carlos Osorio) of bad behavior during the Hobie awards ceremony.
26. On July 30th I received an email from the Brazilian Sailing Federation Supervisor, Frederico Ermel, stating that an inquiry relating to sailors and

coaches was under way and the question would be accurately handled with extreme firmness.

27. A Special Committee was appointed by the President of the Brazilian Sailing Federation to inquire all the facts and make the necessary disciplinary recommendations on these matters.

28. Concerning the anonymous spectator's manners (yelling, and disapproval shouting) there is no legal approach for a direct punitive action to be handled by a Sports Authority.

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Price giving arena



Price giving ceremony



Awards back office