

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: 2024 J70 NSW and Australian Championships Race Number: 8
Hearing Schedule: 2024-01-17 17:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: J70 - AUS 1770 - Sirocco - Harrison Sly

J70 - 1303 - Maybe-J - Peter Nash

Witnesses: James Sly - AUS 1782

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The hearing was held on-line.

Neither boat accepted a Post-Race Penalty under RRS T1(a)].

FACTS FOUND

1. Incident occurred at the starboard gate mark at the end of the first lap
2. Wind speed was 12 -15 knots
3. When 1303 entered the zone it was overlapped with 1770
4. During the mark rounding 1303 passed astern of 1770 and established an inside overlap on 1770
5. The bow of 1303 contacted the starboard side of 1770 causing damage
6. There was insufficient evidence to determine whether 1770 had completed her rounding and therefore she had not.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules:

1. 1303 outside overlapped failed to give 1770 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(a)
2. 1303 to windward failed to keep clear of 1770 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
3. 1303 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
4. It was not reasonably possible for 1770 the boat sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with 1303 when it was clear that 1303 was not keeping clear. 1770 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

1303 is DSQ in race 8

Date & Time: 2024-01-17 19:15 AEDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Frederick Haes (AUS)

Committee Members: Howard Elliott (AUS), Ed Vincent (AUS), Peter Lowndes (AUS)