

DECISION

Request No.: 20

Request for Redress

Event: Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week 2024 Race Number: 3
Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-03 19:40

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 20: Optimist - Main - 228 - Alexandra Jill Yam

Protest Committee

Witnesses: Felix Ng (Jury)

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

Observers: Alain Choi, Cathy Delany-Hobbs (Jury), Luke Van Der Kamp (Coach), Raymond Wu, Cynthia Law, Chan Wai Kei (Spectator)

FACTS FOUND

1. HKG228 was on port tack half way up the beat to the finish line.
2. Jury Boat (inflatable Rib) was on-the-water observing per Appendix P.
3. HKG228 was on a converging course with Jury Boat who was moving slowly on a downwind heading.
4. Jury Boat attempted to avoid HKG228 by increasing her speed.
5. However, HKG228 collided with Jury Boat's starboard sponson.
6. As HKG228 was luffing in an attempt to avoid contact and eventually colliding with Jury boat, she lost speed for 30sec-1 min.
7. While HK228 was slowed down, three boats on her leeward and sailing the same leg took over her.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 62.1

HKG228's place in race 9 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by an improper action of the protest committee. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a) are met.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2024-02-03 19:27 HKT

Redress is given to HGK288.

HKG228's score will be adjusted upwards 3 points. No other boat's scores will be adjusted.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Howie Suen (HKG)

Committee Members: Benjamin Harding (HKG), Rut Subniran (THA), Felix Ng (HKG), Chao Wang (CHN)