

DECISION

Request No.: 01

Protest

Event: Monsoon Winter Series 2022 Race Number: 5
Hearing Schedule: 2022-11-30 19:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: IRC - 1661 - X Terminator - Bob Vart

Race Committee

Witnesses: Juliet Ashton

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 following boat / party were represented at the hearing:

As Protestor:

HKG 1661 - X Terminator (represented by Bob Vart)

As Protestee:

Race Committee (represented by John Ashford)

FACTS FOUND

Second race of the day course A1 geometric refer HHYC SSI course

Wind light and shifty. variable

As leading boats rounded first WW mark wind backed and dropped below 5 kts (clear RO records)

RO signalled change of course and a finish at next mark. (LW.- S mark) after the first three boats had rounded the preceding (WW) mark and concurrently announced this change on VHF Ch77

As HKG1995, the leading boat, was sailing close to the LW shortened course finishing mark, the RO announced on VHF CH77 that mark C was the finish mark addressing the call to the leading boat then rapidly correcting this to an all boats call.

No boats took any immediate action as a result of the second two calls

HKG1995 continued and passed the original finish line before changing course and completing the course correctly.

HKG1661 finished in third position

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 32.2, 41

RO made an error in not signaling the shortened course at the previous mark infringing RRS32.2

RO made an error in announcing, addressing the correct finish mark to the leading boat HKG1995 infringing RRS41

The leading boat took no action as a result of the incorrect call

No boats were advantaged or disadvantaged by the RO errors

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-12-01 10:00 HKT

The Protest is Dismissed

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Mark Thornburrow (AUS)

Committee Members: Cathy Delany-Hobbs (HKG) Kelvin Woo

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