

DECISION

Request No.: 03

Protest

Event: Tan Lines Distilling 2024 Int. OK Dinghy World Championships Race Number: 2 Start 2
Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-28 11:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: OK Dinghy - OK Dinghy - AUS 760 - Voodoo Child - Steven Wyatt
OK Dinghy - AUS 737 - Richard Furneaux

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. AUS 760 was represented by Steve Wyatt
2. AUS 737 was represented by Richard Furneaux
3. Observers: Nev Willis, Melanie Peasey, Greg Kemp, Warren Miles

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 10 - 15 knots with a confused chop.
2. AUS 760 and AUS 737 were sailing on a beat on a converging course.
3. AUS 760 was on starboard
4. AUS 737 was on port
5. AUS 737 luffed, and before passing head to wind bore away to a close-hauled course
6. Immediately after that, AUS 760 luffed sharply
7. The port bow of AUS 737 collided with AUS 760 near aft of the mast on the starboard side
8. There was a chip to the bow sheer of AUS 760 and a 20cm split in her port gunnel close to the bow
9. This damage did not affect her score in race 4
10. There was a 20cm hole on AUS 737, starboard side just above the water line.
11. AUS 737 took a 2-turn penalty and retired from the race.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 14, 44.1, 44.1(b),

1. AUS 737 on port failed to keep clear of AUS 760 on starboard, and broke RRS 10 and RRS 14
2. It was not reasonably possible for AUS 760 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with AUS 737 when it was clear that AUS 737 was not keeping clear. AUS 760 did not break RRS 14.
3. By retiring from the race AUS 737 took an appropriate penalty as per RRS 44.1(b)

DECISION

Date & Time: 2024-02-28 11:20 AEST

Protest upheld. No further penalty.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Michal Jodlowski (POL)

Committee Members: Mark Gallagher (AUS), Philippe Mazard (FRA), David Hudson (RSA), Ed Vincent (AUS)

