Protest

1. Event Name: Autumn League 2023

Protest On: 2023-10-07 Race No: 2

2. Hearing Type

Protest	Request to Reopen
Protest by RC	Reopening by PC
Protest by PC	Request for Redress
Protest by TC	Request for Redress by RC

3. Protestor

4 - Non Spinnaker - 4073 - Splashdance - Andy George

4. Protestees

1. GBR 1411T - Tough Nut - Dermot Skehan

5. Incident

Time Place: 7th Oct. 1st race, start line Rules: Rule 11 Witnesses:

6. Informing Protestee

✓ Hail:

Hail When: Time of event Hail Comment: Protesting

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment Time of event

Other:

Other Comment:

7. Description Of Incident

Tough Nut entered the racecourse from the Windward side of the committee boat. Splashdance was making its way towards the start line , close-hauled and saw tough nut was bearing down to get below to start line. As wind conditions were very light, and there was a strong north going tide is affected tough nuts ability to get below the line and was struggling all the time. Splashdance continued their course on the wind giving notice to toughnut to keep clear as we have a clear overlap. This did not happen and we had to alter course to avoid collision as tough-nut continued to bear down, so they were not over the line. Bite the bullet was above tough nut and was over the line at the start. Tough nut was very close to being over too. After the race started tough nut was to windward of us and we continued to sail the first beat to leeward of tough nut. This was as a result of have an overlap at the start but tough nut not taking avoiding action. The issue is that tough nut did not clear or try to tack out of our way during the 30 seconds pre-start, but instead continue to bear down so she was not over the line. Taking tough nut actions into account we avoided collision and bore away and ended up starting leeward of tough nut. At the time of this event we called protest, we told him that we were bearing away to avoid collision and we raised our red flag.

8. Damage Or Injury

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