

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 03

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 04

Event: UK Sailmakers Typhoon Series 2023 Race Number: 7
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-09

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: HKPN - B - HKG 2092 - Pepper and Salt - Paul Lam (represented by Ben Lam)

HKPN - B - HKG 2187 - Zoe - Johnson Yuen (represented by Kelvin Au Yeung)

Request No.: 04: HKPN - B - HKG 2092 - Pepper and Salt - Paul Lam

HKPN - B - HKG 2626 - Noah - Frank TAN / Gary LEUNG

Witnesses: N/A

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

Hearing No. 3 was heard together with Hearing No. 4 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.

Pepper and Salt was represented by Ben Lam.

Noah was represented by Gary Leung.

Observers:

1. Cynthia Law
2. Kammy Yuen
3. Guang
4. Susan

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was 8-10 kts. Sea was calm.
2. During the start, Pepper & Salt (P&S) and Zoe were on port tack. P&S was on the leeward side of Zoe around 2 boat lengths apart. Noah was on starboard tack. Noah and P&S were sailing on a converging course.
3. Zoe tacked away to avoid collision.
4. Noah shouted "We are on Starboard". The closet distance between Noah and P&S was around 1 boat length. Noah tacked to become port tack and avoided collision.
5. No boat collision
6. P&S took two turns penalty

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10

P&S on port failed to keep clear of Noah on starboard, and broke RRS 10.

Zoe kept clear from P&S and did not break RRS 11.

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Date & Time: 2023-08-09 20:40 HKT

Protest dismissed. Pepper & Salt took the applicable penalty and is not further penalized under RRS 64.2(a)

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee

Chaired By: Vivian Ngan (HKG)

Committee Members: Raymond Wu (HKG), Ben Chong (HKG), Ben Cheung (HKG), Benjamin Harding (HKG) Ben Harding