

DECISION

Request No.: 05

Request for Redress

Event: UK Sailmakers Typhoon Series 2021 Race Number: SERIES
Hearing Schedule: 2021-06-17 19:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: IRC - A - HKG 2388, HKG 2533, HKG 2292 - Ambush, Quest, Zannekin - Isler/Taylor, Hennig, Liedts/Corrigan
Organizational Authority

Witnesses: No Witness have been called

Interpreters: Not Required

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Beyond with Good Reason

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

As the decision may affect the scores of boats of IRC Division A, all entrants in IRC Division A have been invited to attend the hearing as parties of the hearing in accordance with RRS 60.3(b).

Nick Burns of Witchcraft attended together with the representatives of parties requesting redress including Joachim Isler of Ambush, Ben Harding of Quest and Steve Corrigan of Zannekin.
The RC was represented by Adam Glendinning.

Lesley Anderson attended the hearing as an observer at 9:55pm.

FACTS FOUND

- The Typhoon Series 2021 have three IRC divisions based on suitable rating bands.
- The race committee (RC) may decide to amend the division split of IRC class under Notice of Race(NoR) clause 4.4 and Sailing Instruction clause 7.3.
- Notice to Competitors #1 was issued on 4 June to add, among other changes, a new clause 4.10 to NoR that RC may consider a request from a boat to opt for a higher division within its Class. It was also in NoR clause 4.10 that RC's decision on this is final and shall not be subject to protest.
- Notice to Competitors #2 was issued on 4 June and revised split range of IRC Division A from "1.171 and above" to "1.141 and above".
- HKG2552 requested to enter a higher division from IRC Division B and the race committee accepted the request in accordance to NoR Clause 4.10.
- Competitors List of IRC Division A posted on ONB on 6 June included nine boats with split range from 1.113 (HKG2552) to 1.414 (ITA46).
- NoR clause 4.5 allows late entries on the day of racing by hailing the committee boat not later than one minute before the first warning signal.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 62.1

1. The nature of the Typhoon Series is that there are 3 IRC Divisions based around IRC ratings.
2. Each Division's final composition will not be determined until immediately prior to the first race of a race day and may be added to on subsequent race days.
3. On this basis, no boats' score has been made significantly worse by the final composition of the Divisions. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1 are not met.
4. Having determined that there was no significant disadvantage, it was not necessary to continue to investigate improper action on the part of the RC. It was noted however that the addition of NOR 4.10 just two days before the start of the Series, and four days after the published entry deadline was a major cause of dissatisfaction for the Protestors.

DECISION

Redress is not given.

Date & Time: 2021-06-18 07:00 HKT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Howie Suen (HKG)

Committee Members: Alain Choi (HKG) Ian Fleming, Peter Davis and Andrew Blank

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