

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 02

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 01

Event: Kowloon Cup 2024 Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2024-01-13 17:30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: PHS - PHS - HKG 692 - Little Swallow - Kong io Mark Ho 692

PHS - PHS - HKG 201 - Minnie the Moocher - Bridget Chan 201

Request No.: 01: PHS - PHS - HKG 201 - Minnie the Moocher - Bridget Chan

PHS - PHS - HKG 692 - Little Swallow - Kong io Mark Ho 692

Witnesses: Leung Kin Ho (HKG692) Jib Trimmer, Hans Ho (HKG701)
Foredeck

Interpreters: Felix Ng

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. 1 was heard together with hearing No. 2 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident

Lesley Anderson and Felix Ng declared that they were competitors in the Kowloon cup

Felix Ng agreed to interpret

FACTS FOUND

At the start signal, the wind was around 10kts. HKG201 was fetching the committee boat end of the line, 3 lengths below. HKG1698 was to leeward of her, and calling her up. HKG692 was positioned to windward, closer to the line, also fetching the committee boat end of the line.

After the start signal HKG201 continued to the line, keeping clear of HKG1698 to leeward of her, passing close to the committee boat.

On the other hand, HKG692 sailed to the line on the upwind side of HKG201.

HKG201 passed close to the committee boat with a gap of 6" at the beam.

After HKG201 had half cleared the stern of the committee boat, the bow of HKG692 hit the starboard quarter of HKG201, causing a scratch (see photo). HKG692 hit the stern of the committee boat on her starboard side midships.

At the time of contact, the gap between HKG201 and HKG1698 (to leeward) was 18-24".

Diagram: No Diagram Needed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 11,14

- HKG692 to windward failed to keep clear of HKG201 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
- HKG692 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

DECISION

HKG692 is DSQ in race 1.

Date & Time: 2024-01-13 17:51 HKT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee

Chaired By: Lesley Anderson (CYP)

Committee Members: Felix Ng (HKG), Peter Davies (HKG)