

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: UK Sailmakers Typhoon Series 2023 Race Number: 5
Hearing Schedule: 2023-07-26 19:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: HKPN A - 104 - Furious One - Ben Lam (Crew)

J/80 - HKG 220 - Wah Yan Sailors (Jazz) - Kam Wai Hung (represented by Samitone Au - Helmsman)

Witnesses: Lonny Chen, Kam Wai Hung

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

Observers: Elizaveta Kosareva, Cynthia Law

Witnesses: Lonny Chen (sailed on Amaze), Kam Wai Hung (sailed on Jazz)

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was 8 kts. Sea was calm.
2. Both boats were approaching the windward mark on Leg 1 on opposite tacks. They were sailing on a converging course.
3. Furious One was fetching the mark on starboard tack. Jazz was sailing towards the mark on port tack.
4. Jazz luffed to tack to round the mark and Jazz was about 1 boat length away from the mark.
5. Furious One luffed up to avoid Jazz.
6. The starboard side of Jazz (near shroud) contacted the port side of Furious One (near the bow quarter).
7. Jazz took 2-turns penalty after rounding the mark.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14, 64.2(a)

1. Jazz on port failed to keep clear of Furious One on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. Jazz did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for Furious One, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with Jazz when it was clear that Jazz was not keeping clear. Furious One did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2023-07-26 20:35 HKT

Protest Upheld. Jazz took the applicable penalty and is not further penalized, RRS 64.2(a).

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Howie Suen (HKG)

Committee Members: Vivian Ngan (HKG), Raymond Wu (HKG)