

DECISION

Request No.: 12

Request for Redress

Event: Australian 13ft & 16ft Skiff Championships Race Number: 9
Hearing Schedule: 2023-01-14 10:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 12: 16ft - Open, - AUS Infinity Rigging - Infinity Rigging - Lachlan Steel
13ft skiff - 43 - Cyber tech group - Theo Franklin

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

This incident occurred between boats from different classes.

FACTS FOUND

1. This incident occurred in Race 8. Lap 2 for the 16ft fleet and lap 1 for the 13ft fleet.
2. The incident occurred between Infinity Rigging ("Infinity"), a 16ft skiff, and CyberTech Group ("Cybertech"), a 13ft Skiff.
3. Infinity was close hauled on starboard tack.
4. Cybertech was close hauled on port tack on a converging course with Infinity.
5. Infinity hailed "starboard" and luffed to avoid a collision when it was apparent to her that a collision with Cybertech was imminent.
6. Cybertech luffed and commenced to tack.
7. Infinity continued to luff to avoid a collision.
8. As Cybertech passed head to wind the stern of Cybertech collided with the forward quarter of Infinity resulting in damage.
9. The damage was a hole in the hull of Infinity and a broken whisker pole on Infinity.
10. Neither boat did a penalty turn.
11. Both boats continued to race.
12. The damage to Infinity resulted in a significant amount of water being taken on resulting in a performance impact.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 14, 62.1

Cybertech on port failed to keep clear of Infinity on starboard, and broke RRS 10.

Cybertech did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

It was not reasonably possible for Infinity the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with Cybertech when it was clear that Cybertech was not keeping clear. Infinity did not break RRS 14.

Infinity's finishing place in Race 8 was made significantly worse as a result of the collision.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2023-01-14 11:00 AEDT

Cybertech is to be scored DSQ in Race 8.

Redress is given to Infinity. Infinity is to be scored in race 8 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in races 2 through 7.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Steven Iles (AUS)

