

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: HKODA Spring Selection Regatta - March 2023 Race Number: 4
Hearing Schedule: 2023-03-18 17:50

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Optimist - Mainfleet - HKG 333 - Katie Lai
Optimist - Main fleet - HKG 228 - Alexandra Yam
Witnesses: None

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No
Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit
Incident Identified: Yes
Proper Hail: Protest hailed
Red Flag Displayed: Not required
Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

not suitable for arbitration
Lesley Anderson observer.

FACTS FOUND

Shortly after the reaching mark both boats were running downwind towards the gate mark
HKG 333 was on starboard HKG 228 was on the port tack on leg 3 sailing towards the gate mark
they were overlapped half a boat length apart.
HKG 333 shouted starboard HKG 228 replied ,
HKG 333 luffed 25 degrees
HKG 288 responded by altering course but there was contact between HKG 333 starboard bow with 228 port stern quarter.
There was no damage or injury.
Neither boat did penalty turns
Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 14, 16.1, 43,1a, definitions keep clear.

1. When changing course HKG 333, the right-of-way boat, failed to give HKG 228 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 16.1.
2. HKG 228 on port failed to keep clear of 333 on starboard, and broke RRS 10 but is exonerated under 43,1 a
3. It was not reasonably possible for HKG 228 to avoid the collision, so she did not break rule 14.
4. HKG 333 the right of way boat, broke rule 14 but was exonerated as there was no damage or injury,

DECISION

HKG 333 is DSQ race 4

Date & Time: 2023-03-18 18:47 HKT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Felix Ng (HKG)
Committee Members: Tom Sheppard (HKG) Victor Trevino , Victor Tsien