

DECISION

Request No.: 03

Protest

Event: 2024 BPI Boracay 200 and 2024 BPI Boracay Inshores Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-25 17:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: IRC - Na - 6699 - Misty mountain - George Hackett

NA - IRC - HKG2389 - Belatrix - Jun Villanueva

Witnesses: Crews

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 RC was informed at the finish. Misty Mountain complied with SI 15

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. George Hackett represented Misty Mountain.
2. The hearing was scheduled at 1700hrs on the on line notice board.
3. Belatrix did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b) at 1710hrs
4. The Protest Committee appointed under RRS91(a) is not an International Jury in accordance with Appendix N and its decision is appealable.
5. The Protest Committee is represented by Leonard Chin World Sailing International Judge MASLC2.

FACTS FOUND

1. In race 1 just before the start, the wind was 15 knots and the sea choppy.
2. Misty Mountain was on starboard and heading to the line close hauled and converging with Belatrix also close hauled but on port.
3. At about a boat length apart of each other, Belatrix tacked.
4. Before Belatrix completed her tack, and before her sail was full, Misty Mountain bore behind the port transom of Belatrix and became the leeward boat.
5. Belatrix then tried to avoid Misty Mountain by luffing back.
6. When Belatrix luffed, her transom swung towards Misty Mountain and a forceful contact took place at Misty Mountain's rear quarter.
7. Misty Mountain had gelcoat/fibreglass damage .
8. The damage to Belatrix at the hearing is not known.
9. There was no injury.
10. No boat took the appropriate penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS13 , 14

1. After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, Belatrix failed to keep clear of Misty Mountain. Belatrix broke RRS 13.

2. It was not reasonably possible for Misty Mountain, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with Belatrix when it was clear that Belatrix was not keeping clear. Misty Mountain did not break RRS 14.
3. Belatrix did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

DECISION**Date & Time:** 2024-02-25 17:30 HKT

Belatrix is DSQ in Race 1

PROTEST COMMITTEE**Committee Type:** Protest Committee**Chaired By:** Leonard S Chin (MAS)**Committee Members:** John Quirk,**Printed:** 25 Feb 22:57