

DECISION

Request No.: 06

Protest

Event: UK Sailmakers Typhoon Series 2021 Race Number: typhoon race 2
Hearing Schedule: 2021-06-23 19:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 06: HKPN - B - HKG 6705 - Baby Beluga - hugo wong

HKPN - B - HKG 2092 - Pepper & Salt - Eric Choi

Witnesses: paul arkwright (of Baby Beluga), Ronald Mao (of Pepper and Salt)

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. [6] was heard together with Hearing No. [8] in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.

Leon attended the hearing as an observer.

FACTS FOUND

Wind is at 220 deg. 18 to 20 kt. Wave is about 0.5m and sea state is disturbed. Both boats' speed were about 6 kts.

Both Baby Beluga (BB) and Pepper and Salt (PS) were going downwind to Gau Tau.

Both were on Port with symmetrical spinnakers.

BB and PS overlapped with 1 boat length apart initially and PS is to windward.

Distance between them was reduced to 1 to 2 meters when the overlap was about quarter of a boat length.

BB luff due to a gust and the bowsprit contacted starboard stern of PS.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 11 and 14

1. Pepper and Salt to windward failed to keep clear of Baby Beluga to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. It was not reasonably possible for Baby Beluga the right of way boat to avoid contact with Pepper and Salt when it was clear that PS was not keeping clear, so Baby Beluga did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

Pepper and Salt is disqualified.

Date & Time: 2021-06-23 19:08 HKT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Lesley Anderson (HKG)

Committee Members: David Fan, Bridget Chan