

DECISION

Request No.: 01

Protest

Event: Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association Open and National Championships 2023 Race Number: 3
Hearing Schedule: 2023-10-21 15:20

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Optimist - Main fleet - HKG311 - N/A - Tiago Cheng De Villemor Salgado

Optimist - Main Fleet - HKG535 - N/A - Margaux Nguyen

Witnesses: Video, Cyrus Yung HKG 318, Chantal HKG 304

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

Arbitration was offered. Neither party elected to take a post race penalty under RRS T1(a).
David Fan, Sheila Chan and Cathy Delany-Hobbs attended as observers.

FACTS FOUND

Wind speed is about 15 knots with rough sea.

10 seconds before the start HKG 311 and HKG 535 were both approaching the start line on starboard tack and HKG 311 was sailing windward to HKG 535 with half boat length apart.

HKG 535 tacked to port and crossed astern of HKG311.

HKG 311 hailed protest, no boat took any penalty turns.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10

The Protest Committee is not satisfied there was contact.

HKG 535 on port kept clear of HKG311 on starboard, and did not break RRS 10.

DECISION

The Protest is Dismissed

Date & Time: 2023-10-21 16:34 HKT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Felix Ng (HKG)

Committee Members: Lesley Anderson (CYP), Vivian Ngan (HKG)