

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: Belt and Road Royal Langkawi International Regatta Race Number: 3

Hearing Date: 2020-01-08

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Club Cruising - MAS 160 - Marikh - Muhammad Mustakim Rossaidi
Club Cruising - MAS MAS3555 - VG Offshore - Amir Zohri

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Beyond with Good Reason 60 minutes from AP over A is 1301h . Form received 1331h. Extended with good reason due to distance of race course from RLYC.

Incident Identified: Yes
Extract from filled form: VG offshore on port and Marikh on starboard. Hailed starboard 3x and that VG Offshore tacked too late. Marikh crashed tacked and broke their tiller in the process. Marikh protested but VG Offshore failed to exonerate.

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: No
Boat intending to protest had a broken tiller as a result of the crash tack and had no steerage until jury rigged..

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Race Officer signalled AP over A at 1205h. PTL from AP over A is 1305h.
2. Jury accepted that Marikh had serious damage to her tiller during the incident and lost steerage of her boat. The requirements to fly the red flag immediately is waived under 62.1(a)(4)

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was more than 12 knots and the sea state was very choppy.
2. On the first leg to Mark 1 in Race 3, Marikh was on starboard and VG Offshore on port , both close hauled , travelling at 6knots and on a collision course.
3. When the boats were about half a boat length apart, Marikh crash tacked to avoid collision.
4. VG Offshore also tacked immediately after.
5. There was no contact, but one of the crew members of Marikh suffered a slight injury as a consequence of the incident.
6. No boats took any penalty turns.
7. Marikh jury rigged her tiller and then raised the red protest flag about 5 minutes later after regaining steerage.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. VG Offshore on port failed to keep clear of Marikh on starboard, and broke RRS 10
2. Marikh had genuine apprehension about whether VG Offshore was going to keep clear and took evasive action by carrying out a crash tack and is protected under Case 50.

DECISION

VG Offshore is DSQ in Race 3

Date & Time: 2020-01-08 15:25 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Leonard Chin (MAS)

Committee Members: Say Ng Chu (MAS), Iwan NGantung (INA), Tee Suan Tan (SGP), Lock Kit (SGP)