

Protest

Protest No: 04

Received At: 2023-09-25 13:09 IST

1. Event Name: Autumn League 2023

Protest On: 2023-09-25

Race No: 1

2. Hearing Type

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protest | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Reopen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by RC | <input type="checkbox"/> Reopening by PC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by PC | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by TC | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress by RC |

3. Protestor

HPH 3 - Class 3 - IRL8188 - Alliance II - Vincent Gaffney

4. Protestees

1. HPH 3 - Class 3 - 1 - Juvenile Delinquent, J24 - Rush Sailing Club Rush Sailing Club

5. Incident

Time Place: Final Legs of Class 3 course

Rules: Sailing incorrect course.

Witnesses: Kahera, Insider

6. Informing Protestee

Hail:

Hail When: Now as wasn't evident until after race.

Hail Comment:

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment Now as wasn't evident until after race when results were posted.

Other:

Other Comment:

7. Description Of Incident

Having started the race on course 162, there were two J24's close to us on the start line. Given the conditions were at times gusting well over 20 knots true windspeed we quickly sailed ahead of two J24's who were to leeward of us. During the race, at no stage did we see any J24's ahead of us. Gecko rounded the windward mark ahead of us, we were second around the windward mark with Insider right behind us. Gecko struck the windward mark and did their turns. At the second mark of the course (Osprey), Insider rounded just ahead of us with Gecko behind us. At no point on either of these legs of the course was there a J24 ahead of us. The HPH results are showing J24 "Juvenile Delinquent" as finishing first on HPH at 15:47Hrs which was 8 minutes ahead of "Insider" who were just over 2 minutes ahead of us on "Alliance II". I have checked with "Insider" and "Kahera" and they confirmed that at no stage did they see J24 Juvenile Delinquent racing ahead of them. "Kahera" contacted MYC J24 "Billy Whizz" who confirmed that "Juvenile Delinquent" were well behind them. The last two marks of the course were Stack to port, Hub to port and then to the Finish which was North of the North Rowan Cardinal mark. I suspect that "Juvenile Delinquent" sailed straight from the Stack mark to the finish and did not proceed to Hub mark being the last mark of the course. I do not see that even an extremely well sailed J24 could have finished 8 minutes ahead of a Sigma 33 (Insider) in what were very challenging conditions gusting up to 30 knots true windspeed on the final leg of the course to the finish. "Insider" finished ahead of "Alliance II" and "Gecko" finished just behind us

8. Damage Or Injury

No damage occurred.

Attachments

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