

DECISION

Request Number: 36

Protest

Event: 29er World Championship Race Number: F8

Hearing Date: 2016-07-30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: HKG 2521 - Ferdinand Heldman

Respondent(s): SWE 1670 - Emma Fridolfsson

Witnesses: Rob Partridge (HKG coach)

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

FACTS FOUND

1. A few minutes after the start of race F8, HKG 2521 was sailing on starboard, SWE 1670 was sailing on port tack.
2. There were light wind conditions.
3. HKG 2521 tacked in front of SWE 1670.
4. Two seconds after HKG 2521 reached close-hauled course on port tack, there was a contact between the bow of SWE 1670 and the transom of HKG 2521.
5. The contact caused a 4 cm long crack on the port side of the transom of HKG 2521.
6. No penalty was taken.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. After acquiring right-of-way, HKG 2521 failed to initially give SWE 1670 room to keep clear and broke RRS 15.
2. By not avoiding contact, HKG 2521 also broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for SWE 1670 to avoid contact, therefore she did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

Protest Upheld

HKG 2521 is disqualified (DSQ) in race F8.

Date & Time: 2016-07-30 16:26 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Paul Zupan (USA)

Committee Members: Bence Borocz (HUN), Claudio Uras (ITA), Anne Kaalstad (NOR), Thomas Kresse (NOR)

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