



Autumn League 2023

Scoring Inquiry

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Inquiry No: 01

Course: Offshore Fleet Class 3 HPH

Race No: 1

Posted Score: 2

Protest Party: Cruiser Class 3 - 3 HPH - IRL8188 - Alliance II - Vincent Gaffney

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Having started the race, 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 a J24 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.

Witnesses:

Insider, Kahera, Gecko.

Response Title:

This Scoring Review has now been escalated to a Protest on 25/9/2023

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