

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 02

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 03, 04

Event: Peroni Summer Saturday Series 2021 Race Number: 4

Hearing Schedule: 2021-07-07 19:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: HKPN - HKG 237 - Lazy Piggy - Jimmy Lau

J80 - HKG 220 - Jazz - Edmond Yew - Yat Ming Yew

Request No.: 04: J80 - HKG 2257 - Jazz - Edmond Yew - Yat Ming Yew

HKPN - HKG 4735 - Bucephalus - Simon Lynch

Request No.: 03: HKPN - HKG 4735 - Bucephalus - Simon Lynch

J80 - HKG 220 - Jazz - Edmond Yew - Yat Ming Yew

Witnesses: Dean Chisholm - Bucephalus

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit Yes

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed Lazy Piggy hailed protest, Bucephalus hailed protest

Red Flag Displayed: Yes Lazy Piggy hoisted red flag. Bucephalus hoisted red flag immediately after collision

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- Observer - Ms Queenie Ho
- Jazz (HKG 2257) representative - Mr Kam Wai Hung

FACTS FOUND

- Before start of Race 4 of HHYC Summer Saturday Series 2021, all three boats were approaching start line at the committee boat end to start.
- Lazy Piggy (HKG 237) was sailing close-hauled, overlapped to leeward of Bucephalus. Bucephalus (HKG 4735) and Jazz (HKG 2257) were close-reaching. Bucephalus was clear astern of Jazz.
- All boats were on starboard tack on a converging course, towards the port stern quarter of the committee boat.
- Bucephalus gained a 1-boat-width leeward overlap with Jazz about 5 boat lengths from committee boat.
- Lazy Piggy bore away to allow Bucephalus room to pass between her and the committee boat.
- About 1.5 boat lengths from the committee boat Jazz luffed slightly, and then bore away passing to leeward of the committee boat.
- Bucephalus was unable to bear away and avoid contact due to proximity of Lazy Piggy to leeward.
- Lazy Piggy was not aware that Jazz had borne away and her visibility of Jazz was obscured by Bucephalus' hull and sails.
- Jazz contacted Bucephalus' starboard stanchions with her boom, and her push-pit made contact with Bucephalus's starboard topsides causing damage. The contact with Bucephalus forced Jazz into an out-of-control spin to port, and Jazz subsequently made contact with Lazy Piggy's forward starboard quarter, followed by beam-to-beam contact, also causing damage.
- When Jazz was spun towards her, Lazy Piggy was unable to bear away due her starboard transom being close to Bucephalus' port side.
- After the incident Jazz made a 1-tack and 1-gybe turn and continued racing.
- Lazy Piggy retired from the race.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 11 and 14, 15, and 44.2

- Jazz to windward failed to keep clear of Bucephalus and Lazy Piggy to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
- When acquiring right of way, Bucephalus gave Jazz room to keep clear, and did not break RRS 15.
- Bucephalus to windward failed to keep clear of Lazy Piggy to leeward, and broke RRS 11, but was compelled to break RRS 11 as a consequence of Jazz breaking RRS 11. Bucephalus is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a).
- It was not reasonably possible for either Bucephalus or Lazy Piggy, right-of-way boats over Jazz, to avoid contact with Jazz when it was clear that Jazz was not keeping clear. Neither Bucephalus nor Lazy Piggy broke RRS 14.
- By not completely taking the two turns penalty, Jazz failed to comply with the requirements of RRS 44.2.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2021-07-07 21:47 CST

- Jazz broke rule 11 and Rule 14.
- Jazz is DSQ in race 4.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Howie Suen (HKG)

Committee Members: Lesley Anderson (HKG), Benjamin Harding (HKG)

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