

Protest Hearing Decision

Friday Twilight, 7/December/2018

Date of Protest Hearing 12/12/18

Boats involved

Love Child (Joanna Love) v Tangaroa (Tony Gooch)

Protest Committee

- Steve Hatch
- Howard Elliott
- Tim Cox

Facts

1. The race was a handicap start. This incident occurred after both boats' preparatory signal, although the starting times for each boat was different.
2. Tangaroa's start was 3 minutes after Love Child.
3. Tangaroa and Love Child were on starboard tack heading away from the starting line not on the course side.
4. Tangaroa and Love Child were overlapped. Tangaroa was to windward.
5. At approximately 17:35 Tangaroa and Love Child both luffed and the boats converged.
6. Tangaroa luffed to avoid a collision
7. Love Child did not alter course.
8. A collision occurred between the bow of Tangaroa and just aft of the starboard bow of Love Child causing serious damage to Love Child.
9. Love Child did not cross the starting line and was scored DNS in Race 9.
10. Tangaroa did not carry out a penalty turn but started and finished Race 9.

Conclusion

Tangaroa as windward boat failed to keep clear of Love Child as required by rule 11.

Tangaroa met her obligations under rule 14.

Love Child had the opportunity but failed to avoid the collision with Tangaroa and therefore failed to meet her obligations under rule 14.

Decision

Tangaroa broke rule 11 and is to be scored DSQ in Race 9.

Love Child broke rule 14 but as she was scored DNS in Race 9 no further penalty applies.

Steve Hatch
Chairman