



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	MRX 1997	REPRESENTED	Leslie Egnot
PROTESTEE	MRX 1994	REPRESENTED	
SERIES	MRX Sprints	DIVISION	
RACE & DATE:	Race 11 20/02/2024	HEARING DATE	5/3/2024 1705

Validity/Procedure:

- **MRX 1994** did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b)
- The Protest was valid and the hearing continued

Facts Found:

- **MRX 1997** on starboard and **MRX 1994** on port were on a beat to windward on a contact course
- **MRX 1994** could not cross ahead of **MRX 1997** and luffed to tack in front of **MRX 1997**
- **MRX 1997** luffed to avoid contact with **MRX 1994** before **MRX 1994** reached a close hauled course
- There was no contact and no boat took penalty turns

Conclusions And Rules That Apply:

- After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course **MRX 1994** failed to keep clear of **MRX 1997**. **MRX 1994** broke RRS 13

Decision:

- **MRX 1994** DSQ

Protest Committee Panel:

Louis Mayo, Doug Elder, Blair Park

Decision Advised: 5/3/2024 1720