

PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	MRX 1999	REPRESENTED	Phil Douglas
PROTESTEE	MRX 2000	REPRESENTED	Sam Barnett
PROTESTEE	MRX 1994	REPRESENTED	Not represented
SERIES	MRX Sprint Series	DIVISION	
RACE & DATE:	Race 9 13/2/24	HEARING DATE	26/2/24 19:00

Validity/Procedure:

- These two protests (**MRX 1999 v MRX 2000** and **MRX 2000 v MRX 1994**) arise from the same incident and were heard together under RRS 63.2
- **MRX 1994** did not appear at the hearing and the hearing continued under RRS 63.3(b)
- The protests were valid and the hearing continued

Facts Found:

- The breeze was approximately 8 to 12 knots
- Before the starting signal **MRX 1999** was approaching the startline on the wind on starboard to start
- **MRX 2000** was on the wind on port on a contact course with **MRX 1999**
- **MRX 1994** was on port tack to windward of **MRX 2000**
- **MRX 2000** hailed **MRX 1994** for room to tack. **MRX 1994** did not respond
- **MRX 1999** tacked to avoid a collision with **MRX 2000**
- There was no contact. No boat took penalty turns.

Conclusion:

- **MRX 1994** by failing to tack as soon as possible after **MRX 2000** hailed her for room to tack, broke RRS 20.2(c).
- **MRX 2000** on port failed to keep clear of **MRX 1999** on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
- Since **MRX 2000** was compelled to break RRS 10 as a consequence of **MRX 1994** breaking RRS 20.2(c), she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a) for this breach.

Decision:

- **MRX 1994** is DSQ in Race 9.

Protest Committee Panel:

Doug Elder, Louis Mayo, Blair Park

Decision Advised: 26/2/24 19:40