



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	MRX 2001	REPRESENTED	Oleg Smirnov
PROTESTEE	Rapid Ride 14135	REPRESENTED	Stephen Broadbent
SERIES	Wednesday	DIVISION	MRX & C Light
RACE & DATE:	Race 8 13/03/2024	HEARING DATE	19/3/2024 1800

Validity/Procedure:

- The Protest was valid and the hearing continued

Witnesses:

- Bruce Adams *Tigga*

Facts Found:

- The breeze was 10 to 15 kts from the SW. A few minutes after the start **MRX 2001** and **Rapid Ride** were on a broad reach on starboard
- **MRX 2001** was clear ahead of **Rapid Ride**
- **Rapid Ride** accelerated and contact occurred between the prod of **Rapid Ride** and the stern of **MRX 2001**
- No boat took a penalty turn

Conclusions And Rules That Apply:

- **Rapid Ride** clear astern failed to keep clear of **MRX 2001** clear ahead and broke RRS 12
- **Rapid Ride** did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible and broke RRS 14
- It was not reasonably possible for **MRX 2001** the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with **Rapid Ride** when it was clear that **Rapid Ride** was not keeping clear. **MRX 2001** did not break RRS 14.

Decision:

- **Rapid Ride** is DSQ in race 8

Protest Committee Panel:

Doug Elder, Jonathan Gravit, Blair Park

Decision Advised: 19/3/2024 1845

Reopening/Procedure:

- Stephen Broadbent representing **Rapid Ride** requested a reopening of the hearing under RRS 66.2
- The panel reconvened at 21/3/2024 1630 under RRS 66.3 and John Bullo joined the panel under RRS 66.3(b). Stephen Broadbent was present
- The protest panel decided that it had not made a significant error and there was no new evidence and declined to reopen the hearing under RRS 66.1