

# PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Event: 20<sup>TH</sup> ROYAL LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2024

Case number: 1 Heard together with numbers: N/A

Protest time limit: 14:10 on 17 Jan 2024 Protest lodged at: 14:40 on 17 Jan 2024

Class / Fleet: IRC 2 Race number: 3

Request for hearing initiator: Piccolo

Respondent: The Blue Angel

Observers: Chin In and Pokpong (Protest Committee members)

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS:**

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| 1. Written protest identifies incident?  | Yes  |
| 2. Reason for requesting redress identified?   | N/A  |
| 3. Boat's rep on board for Part 2, 3 or 4?   | Yes  |
| 4. Conflict of interest, if any, declared?   | None |
| 5. Any objections on grounds of interest?  | No   |
| 6. 'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity?   | Yes  |
| 7. Red flag displayed at first reasonable opportunity?   | Yes  |
| 8. Piccolo failed to deliver the protest within the protest time limit, as required by RRS 61.3. However, there was good reason for the Protest Committee to extend the time limit under RRS 61.3. |      |
| 9. Protest or request is valid: hearing will continue.   |      |

## **FACTS FOUND:**

1. Piccolo and The Blue Angel were sailing on a beat to windward on opposite tacks. Piccolo was on starboard tack and The Blue Angel on port tack.
2. When The Blue Angel was at the mark, she tacked from port to starboard tack in the path of Piccolo. Piccolo luffed 25 degrees and passed to windward of The Blue Angel. The gap between them was less than two feet.
3. The Blue Angel took a One-Turn Penalty at the next mark.
4. SI 13.2 provides that the protest committee may apply any penalty, including no penalty, for a breach of a rule.

## **CONCLUSIONS:**

1. After The Blue Angel passed head to wind from port to starboard tack inside the zone and was then fetching the mark, she caused Piccolo on starboard tack since entering the zone, to sail above close-hauled to avoid

contact. The Blue Angel broke RRS 18.3.

2. By delaying her penalty turn by several minutes after the incident, The Blue Angel failed to comply with the requirements of RRS 44.2.

***RULES THAT APPLY:***

RRS 18.3, 44.2 and SI 13.2

***DECISION:***

1. The Blue Angel is given a Scoring Penalty of 30% in race 3. The penalty is to be calculated as set out in RRS 44.3(c).

***PROTEST COMMITTEE MEMBERS:***

Selvam Mookken (SGP); Tony Lu (CHN) and Soma Pillai (IND)

Panel Chairman's name: Selvam Mookken

Decision of the protest committee was made known to the parties on 17 January 2024 at 15:45.