

## **APPEAL No 2011/4**

RRS 61.1, 61.2, 61.3, 63.4

### **SUMMARY OF THE FACTS**

Race: ABC Sunseeker Opening Regatta. (Dinghies) 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th September 2011

The protest committee found that HKG516 hit a mark in Race 3 of the series and did not exonerate himself. HKG516 was therefore disqualified from Race 3. HKG516 appealed on the ground of incorrect procedure. The RR&AC considered the procedures of the protest committee in accordance with RRS Part 5.

#### **Informing the Protestee (61.1)**

The protest committee accepted the protestor's testimony that he was beyond hailing distance.

The protest committee did not identify any subsequent opportunity before the finish line where the protestor could have informed the protestee of his intention to make a protest.

#### **Protest Contents (61.2)**

Although the race was incorrectly identified on the protest form as Race 1, not Race 3, it was understood by all parties that the protest referred to race 1 of that day, being the second day of a two day regatta.

#### **Protest Time Limit (61.3)**

The Rules require the protest committee to extend the time limit if there is good reason. The protest committee considered the circumstances and decided that it was appropriate to extend the limit.

#### **Interested Party (63.4)**

The protest committee members did introduce themselves. There was no objection raised. The RR&AC considers club affiliation to be irrelevant.

### **DECISION**

Appeal dismissed. The RR&AC found no error of procedure by the protest committee.

***HKSF RR&AC  
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