

## **APPEAL No 2016/2**

Rule 90.3

Rule 86.1

### **SUMMARY OF THE FACTS**

Race: HHYC Sin Fung Winter Saturday Series 2016  
Races 1 & 2 October 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. (IRC)

Outrageous entered the HHYC Sin Fung Winter Saturday Series 2016 together with 4 other boats in the IRC division.

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the organizing authority ran two races as scheduled. Outrageous was the only boat in her class to come to the starting area for each race. Outrageous started & finished both races.

The HHYC SSIs, which applied to these races state that: "A minimum of three boats in a class is required to have entered and be in close proximity to the starting line at their warning signal for such boats to rank as starters and to constitute a valid race, other than in match or team racing. This changes RRS 90.3."

Outrageous was given the result "RET" in the provisional results. She subsequently protested the result, seeking redress.

The PC met on 30/11/16 and decided that

1. The request for redress is dismissed, with the above conclusions noted.
2. The scores for Race1 and Race2 shall be annulled, and it should be considered that the races were 'not sailed'.
3. The races may be rescheduled for a later date per SSI4.

On 12/12 Outrageous appealed the decision

### **DECISION**

The PC correctly ruled that the insertion of "RET" into the provisional results was a scoring error per 90.3(c).

The PC was correct in saying that SSI D is incorrect in stating "This changes rule 90.3", and going on to conclude that SSI D invalidated the race at the warning signal, in which case, 90.3(a) was not tested.

The RR&AC is satisfied that at the warning signal for race 1 and race 2, there were not sufficient starters in the start area as required in SSI D for a race to be valid. There was therefore no valid race and no valid starters.

### **GROUND FOR DECISION**

The Appeal is thus dismissed

***HKSF RR&AC  
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