

APPEAL No 2017/4

Rule 14
Rule 18.2

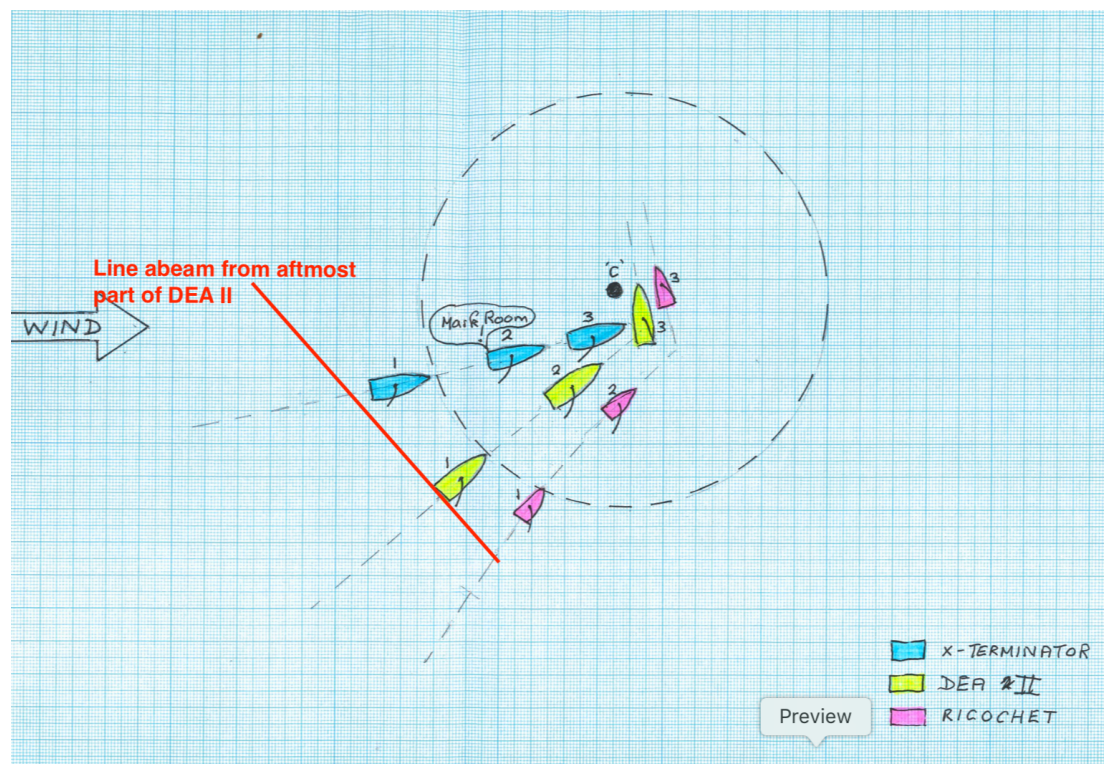
SUMMARY OF THE FACTS

Race: HHYC Summer Series Race 9 August 5th 2017. (HKPN B & IRC)

Approaching the leeward mark C, Xterminator was sailing on port gybe, dead downwind. DEA II was sailing on port gybe, on a broad reach, to leeward of Xterminator.

At the three length zone at the mark, DEA II entered first and, at that time, Xterminator was overlapped inside her. As DEA II rounded the mark and turned into the wind, contact occurred between the bow of Xterminator and DEA II's port quarter.

The following diagram was endorsed by the PC:



Both boats protested. Neither boat took an alternative penalty.

A hearing was arranged for both protests together on August 9th by the Organising Authority, which both parties attended with their witnesses

During the hearing, the PC found that DEA II was overlapped with Xterminator when entering the three length zone and, as outside boat, was required to keep clear. The PC found that DEA II did not, as outside boat comply with Rule 18.2 to give mark room to Xterminator. DEA II was disqualified from the race.

The PC considered Rule 14, and decided that Xterminator had no way to avoid the collision.

PROTEST PROCEDURE & INTERPRETATION OF THE RRS

The RR&AC is satisfied that the protest procedure was followed correctly and that the RRS were correctly applied.

DECISION

Appeal dismissed.

GROUND FOR DECISION

As set out above, the RR&AC is satisfied that the protest procedure was followed correctly and that there was no misinterpretation of the Rules.

***HKSF RR&AC
Dec 2017***