



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

## PROTEST HEARING DECISION

<b>PROTESTORS</b>	<i>MRX1991 Harken</i> <i>MRX1997 North Sails</i>	<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>	Peter Sumich Nathan Laurie
<b>PROTESTED</b>	<i>MRX1994 NZ Spars &amp; Rigging</i>	<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>	Not represented
<b>SERIES:</b>	Doyle Sails Winter Series	<b>DIVISION:</b>	MRX
<b>RACE NO &amp; DATE:</b>	Race 1, 8 May 2021	<b>HEARING DATE:</b>	1800 10 May 2021

### VALIDITY/PROCEDURE:

- The two protests arise from the same incident and were heard together in accordance with RRS 63.2.
- A representative of MRX 1994 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
- The protest was valid.

### FACTS FOUND:

- The wind was 14-16 knots.
- MRX 1991, MRX 1994 and MRX 1997 were all on port and flat running with spinnakers to Bean Rock mark to be rounded to starboard.
- When MRX 1991 and MRX 1997 entered the zone MRX 1997 was overlapped outside of MRX 1991, and MRX 1994 was clear astern of both boats.
- As MRX 1991 approached the mark all boats gybed to starboard.
- As MRX 1991 reached the mark there was contact between her backstay and the spinnaker of MRX 1994 and MRX 1994 became overlapped outside of MRX 1991, and inside of MRX 1997 causing MRX 1997 to alter course to leeward avoid contact with MRX 1994.
- No boat was damaged.
- No boat took a penalty.

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY:

- MRX 1994 clear astern at the time MRX 1991 reached the zone failed to give MRX 1991 mark-room, and broke RRS 14 & 18.2(b).
- MRX 1994 clear astern at the time MRX 1997 reached the zone and when obtaining an overlap inside MRX 1997 and failing to give her room to sail her proper course broke RRSs 18.2(b) & 18.2(c)(2).

### DECISION:

- MRX 1994 is disqualified.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE PANEL:

Blair Park (Chair), Louis Mayo, Doug Elder  
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RESULTS CORRECTED

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