SSANZ 2020 ROUND NORTH ISLAND 2 HANDED YACHT RACE

Decision of The Protest Committee

Protest #: 1

Date of Hearing: 29th February, 2020.

Race Number: **Leg 1 - Auckland to Mangonui**

Date of incident: 23rd February, 2020.

Protestor: **Race Committee   Sail Number:**
Protestee: **Blink   Sail Number : 110011**

Representatives: Jon Henry - RC and Tony Wells - Blink
Validity: The Protest was received inside the Protest Time Limit and was valid
          and Proceeded.

Facts Found:

1.   **At the end of the 1st leg from Auckland to Mangonui, the finish line was between Osprey
          Head and the RC Vessel at the starboard end of the line, as prescribed in the Sailing   Instructions,
and further described by the Race Director at the pre race briefing.**
2.   **At the time of the incident it was daylight and the wind strength was 10 - 15 knots**
3.   **Blink was approaching the finish on Starboard tack, on a layline to finish close to the RC
          vessel when it's crew became disoriented and were for a short time confused about which   side
to pass the RC vessel.**
4.   **When close to the finish line Blink tacked on to port without releasing its headsail and were sailing
a course to pass the RC vessel to Port. Realising their original course keeping   the RC vessel to starboard was
correct, tacked back on to starboard in an attempt to bear   away and pass astern of the RC vessel.**
 5.   **Blink lost control, was unable to bear away behind the stern of the RC vessel, luffed and
          collided with its starboard side, with her prod causing damage to the RC vessel, by way of   a
hole in the RC vessel hull.**
6.   **After getting clear, Blink then proceeded to cross the finish line.**
7.   **No penalty turn was taken before Blink ceased racing.**
8.   **When ashore, Blink's skipper quickly admitted fault and has since done everything   possible to
assist the Race Director and owner to resolve the issues arising from the   incident relating to civil
liability, insurance and repair of the RC Vessel.**

Conclusion and Rules that Apply:

1.   Blink hit the RC Vessel at the finish line and broke RRS 31.
2.   The Protest Committee has discretion to impose a penalty other than DSQ, as per SI 22.8 (b)
          and after hearing submissions from the Race Committee and the Protestee on the
          circumstances involved, it is satisfied it should exercise this discretion

Decision: Blink is to have 35 minutes added to her elapsed time for Leg 1.

Protest Committee: Mike Alison, Russell Green.

Chairman's Signature: _____
          Mike Alison (29/2/20 18:00hrs)

Recieved by Neil SSANZ Chairman

Neil Hilder

Received by race office: Date and time 23/Feb.1pm Signature .... Number ..1....

Protest Time Limit 24/2/2020.0448.......

PROTEST FORM – also for requests for redress and reopening

Fill in and tick as appropriate

1. **EVENT** SSANZ RNI 2020 **Organizing authority** SSANZ **Date** 23/2/2020 **Race no.** 1

2. **TYPE OF HEARING**
   Protest by boat against boat ☐   Request for redress by boat or race committee ☐
   Protest by race committee against boat ☑   Consideration of redress by protest committee ☐
   Protest by protest committee against boat ☐   Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing ☐
   Consideration of reopening by protest committee ☐

3. **BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING**
   Class .... **Fleet** .... **Sail no.** .... **Boat's name** SSANZ RNI 2020
   Represented by Jon Henry **Tel., e-mail** 0274 779 745

4. **BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS**
   Class .... **Fleet** .... **Sail no.** 110011 **Boat's name** Blink
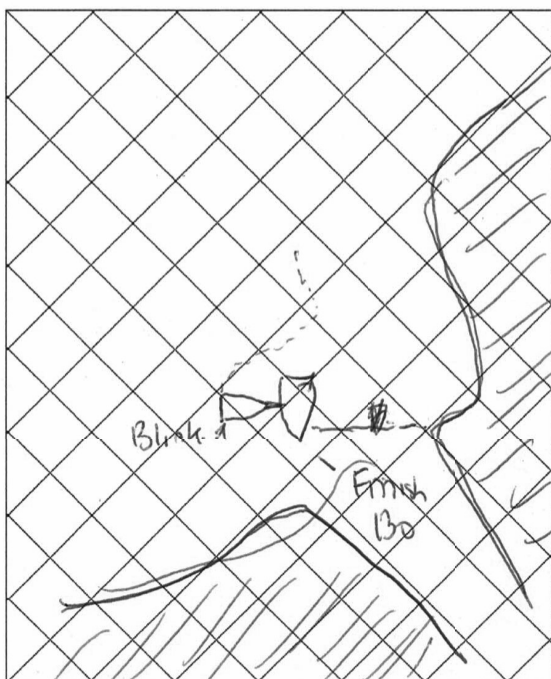
5. **INCIDENT**
   Time and place of incident At the Finish Line   23/2/2020 0700
   Rules alleged to have been broken 31 **Witnesses** Finish Boat Crew

6. **INFORMING PROTESTEE**   How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?
   By hailing ☐ **When?** .... **Word(s) used** ....
   By displaying a red flag ☐ **When?** ....
   By informing her in some other way ☑ **Give details** Phone Call from RO Jon Henry

7. **DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT** (use another sheet if necessary)
   Diagram: one square = hull length; show positions of boats, wind and current directions, marks.

Blink T Boned the finish boat

on the outside of the finish

before she had crossed the line

and failed to do her turns