

2025 Lipton Challenge Cup

Case 02

Protestor: MSC Izivunguvungu

Protestee: HMYC

Procedural Matters:

1. MSC Izivunguvungu was represented by Marlon Jones.
2. HMYC was represented by Jay D'engle
3. Luke Wagner (HMYC helmsman) and Tony Cockerill (HMYC Manager) attended the hearing as observers.

Facts Found:

1. At the time of the incident MSC Izivunguvungu loudly hailed 'Protest'. She did not display a Red Flag at the time of the incident or at any point during the race.
2. The incident resulted in contact between the boats.
3. As a result of the contact, MSC Izivunguvungu had superficial scratches to their the aft-port quarter and the device to prevent the spinnaker guy from dropping over the bow on HMYC was broken.
4. HMYC took a Two-turn Penalty at the time of the incident.
5. MSC Izivunguvungu continued racing after the incident.

Conclusion:

1. The damaged is not considered to be serious.
2. MSC Izivunguvungu failed to conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity, as required by RRS 60.2(a).

Decision:

The protest is invalid, the hearing is closed under RRS 63.4(a)(1).

Rule(s) Applicable:

RRS 60.2(a) & 63.4(a)(1)

Decision:

26 August 2025 at 18h29

Protest Committee:

Luke Scott (chair), Patric Loydell