

DECISION

Request No.: 07

Protest

Event: SSF Selection Trials - Optimist Race Number: 8

Hearing Date: 2020-03-22

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 07: 4688 - Ethan Teo Yuan Xin

111 - Xuan Yi Josiah Tan

Witnesses: 111's witnesses - 3128: Yap Swee Dean, 4646: Kwan Zheng Kit

Interpreters: NIL

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No No Conflicts of Interest to declare and no objection to any members of the panel.

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes Written protest or request identifies the incident.

Proper Hail: Protest hailed "Protest" was hailed at the first reasonable opportunity.

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1) Finishing vessel informed as soon as possible after finishing as per NoR/SI 20.1.
- 2) Parties have had reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.
- 3) Observers: Dylan, Russell, Jayson, Kenan, Razin, Javier, Elisha, Nadine

FACTS FOUND

- 1) The wind speed was averaging about 8 knots and the sea-state was choppy.
- 2) 4688 and 111 were sailing towards Mark 2 on starboard tack reaching course.
- 3) The proper course to sail to the next mark was on a port-tack broad reach.
- 4) When 111 entered the zone, 4688 was overlapped to leeward on the inside of 111.
- 5) 111 was sailing on a lower course broad-reach whilst 4688 was sailing on a higher course tight reach, both boats on a converging course towards the mark.
- 6) When 4688 was abeam the mark she gybed to port to round the mark.
- 7) Contact occurred between the boom of 111 and the leech of 4688, with no damage or injury.
- 8) Neither boats took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

111, outside overlapped at the zone, failed to give 4688 mark-room and broke RRS 18.2(b). 4688 on port failed to keep clear of 111 on starboard, and broke RRS 10. 4688 broke RRS 10 while she was sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled. Therefore, she is exonerated under RRS 21(a). 111 did not avoid contact and broke RRS 14. It was not reasonably possible for 4688, a boat entitled to mark-room, to avoid contact with 111 when it was clear that 111 was not giving mark-room. Therefore, 4688 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

111 is DSQ in Race 8.
(Started: 1740h, Finished, 1830h)

Date & Time: 2020-03-22 18:30 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)

Committee Members: Zhang Yong Qiang (NJ) - SGP, Liu Hong - SGP