

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: SSF Selection Trials - Optimist Race Number: 2

Hearing Date: 2020-03-21

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: 3105 - Ang Zhi Shan Jewel

4461 - Gabi Oh

Witnesses: 3183 - Ella (Initiator's witness), 4670- Nia Mehry Zahedi (Respondent's witness)

Interpreters: NIL

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

PC member Tracey Tan declared that her nephew Ethan Teo is a competitor in the event. There was no objection to any members of the panel.

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit Protest time limit was 1724h and the protest was lodged at 1705h.

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. Parties have had reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.
2. Finishing vessel informed as soon as possible after finishing as per NoR/SI 20.1.
3. Observers - Dylan Fang, Russell Yom

FACTS FOUND

- 1) 3105 and 4461 were sailing towards from Mark 2 to Mark 3 on a broad-reach, starboard tack.
- 2) The current was pushing boats from Mark 3 to Mark 1.
- 3) 3105 entered the zone of Mark 3 clear ahead of 4461.
- 4) 3105 was inside overlapped about half boat-length to leeward and half boat-length astern of 3183.
- 5) When 3105 and 3183 were abeam of Mark 3, they bore away and gybed to port.
- 6) As 3105 and 3183 were rounding the mark, 4461 sailing faster, gybed to port and established an inside overlap at the mark.
- 7) The gap between 3105 and the mark was half boat-length when 4461 established an inside overlap.
- 8) 4461 was the inside boat, 3105 was the middle boat and 3183 was the outside boat.
- 9) Contact occurred between all 3 boats beam to beam and between 4461 and the mark, with no damage or injury.
- 10) No boats took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

The jury is not satisfied that 4461, astern established an inside overlap before 3105 ahead reached the zone, according to RRS 18.2(e). Therefore, 4461, clear astern at the time 3105 reached the zone, failed to give 3105 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b). It was not reasonably possible for 3105, the right-of-way boat and a boat entitled to mark-room, to avoid contact with 4461 when it was clear that 4461 was not keeping clear and giving mark-room. Therefore, 3105 did not break RRS 14. 4461 did not avoid contact and broke RRS 14.

DECISION

4461 is DSQ in Race 1.
(Started: 1010h, Finished: 1050h)

Date & Time: 2020-03-21 10:50 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)

Committee Members: Zhang Yong Qiang (NJ) - SGP, Tracey Tan - SGP