

DECISION

Request No.: 06

Protest

Event: SSF Selection Trials - Optimist Race Number: 6

Hearing Date: 2020-03-22

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 06: 4637 - Aiden Ray Toh

4462 - Eitan Oh

Witnesses: NIL

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 Protest time limit was 1802h and the protest was lodged at 1755h.

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) Respondent, 4462 was not present and the hearing proceeded under RRS 63.3(b).
- 3) Observers - Dylan Fang, Russell Yom

FACTS FOUND

- 1) The wind speed was approximately 7-8 knots and the sea-state was moderate.
- 2) 4637 and 4462 were sailing upwind towards Mark 1, 4637 on starboard and 4462 on port, both boats on a close-hauled collision course.
- 3) 4637 was two boat-lengths below the starboard tack layline still fetching the mark because of a lifting current and 4462 was one boat-length below the port tack layline.
- 4) When the boats were two boat-lengths apart, 4637 hailed "starboard" to 4462 who continued sailing without changing course.
- 5) When 4637 was half boat-length from 4462, she bore away hard to try and pass astern of 4462.
- 6) Contact occurred between the starboard gunwale of 4637 and the starboard stern of 4462, with no damage or injury.
- 7) Neither boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

4462 on port failed to keep clear of 4637 on starboard, and broke RRS 10. 4462 did not avoid contact and broke RRS 14. It was not reasonably possible for 4637, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with 4462 when it was clear that 4462 was not keeping clear. Therefore, 4637 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

4462 is DSQ in Race 6.
(Started: 0945h, Finished: 1005h)

Date & Time: 2020-03-22 10:05 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)

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