

DECISION

Request No.: 03

Protest

Event: SSF Selection Trials - Optimist Race Number: 1

Hearing Date: 2020-03-21

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: 3183 - Ella ONG

4668 - Abigail Jia En Ling

Witnesses: NIL

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 1706h.

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) 3183 and 4668 were sailing towards from Mark 2 to Mark 3 on port tack nearly downwind.
- 2) The current was pushing boats from Mark 3 to Mark 1.
- 3) 3183 entered the zone of Mark 3 clear ahead of 4668.
- 4) When 3183 was luffing up to round the mark, 4668 sailing faster established an inside windward overlap at the mark.
- 5) The gap between 3183 and the mark was half boat-length when 4668 established an inside overlap.
- 6) Contact occurred between 3183 and 4668 beam to beam and between 4668 and the mark, with no damage or injury.
- 7) 4668 took a one-turn penalty for touching the mark.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

4668, clear astern at the time 3183 reached the zone, failed to give 3183 mark-room and broke RRS 18.2(b). 3183, the right-of-way boat and a boat entitled to mark-room, did not avoid contact with 4668 when it was reasonably possible. Therefore, 3183 broke RRS 14. However, 3183 is exonerated under RRS 14(b) as the contact did not cause damage or injury. 4668 did not avoid contact and broke RRS 14.

DECISION

4668 is DSQ in Race 1.
(Started: 1050h, Finished: 1125h)

Date & Time: 2020-03-21 11:25 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)

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