



5TH ILCA Asian & Open Championships 2025

Question for Officials

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Question No: 01

Question For: Organizing Authority

Question:

Dear OA,

I am writing to formally report a serious incident that occurred yesterday in the Bravo course. One of our sailors was involved in a collision with a fishing boat, resulting in significant damage to her vessel's bow. Fortunately, the sailor sustained no injuries. A redress report has been submitted for documentation purposes.

We are concerned that the incident could have been prevented if OA safety boats had effectively ensured that unauthorized vessels were not present in the course. As a result, the sailor is now facing unnecessary damage costs, which we believe should not be borne by her when preventative measures could have been taken.

In light of this incident, we would appreciate it if you could inform us of the measures that can be taken to prevent non-authorized vessels, such as fishing boats, from entering the course in the future. We would like to know what steps can be implemented to enhance safety protocols and prevent similar incidents from occurring.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Answer:

The OA is satisfied that the safety procedures which include safety boats, jury boats, and race committee boats together with help of the local maritime authorities are appropriate for this championship. It is quite normal, despite the efforts of all parties, for an occasion recreational or fishing vessel to transit a yacht racing area. The racing area is a public area not exclusively reserved for the event.

All competitors are reminded that when a boat sailing under the Racing Rules of Sailing meets a vessel that is not, they are required to and

shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

The OA will continue to ensure that the safety of all people involved in the regatta is the highest priority.

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