

DECISION

Request No.: 13

Protest

Event: NSC Cup Series 3 Race Number: 10

Hearing Date: 2019-11-19

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 13: Laser Radial - SGP 207762 - Chin Jia Xuan

Laser Radial - SGP 197857 - Zachary Khoo Shi Jay

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 1658h and the protest was lodged at 1642h.

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 SI 17.1.
3. Observers - Tracey Tan (Radial coach), Lee Hao Zhe (Radial competitor)

FACTS FOUND

- 1) The wind speed was averaging around 4-5 knots and the sea-state was choppy.
- 2) 207762, 151522, 197857 were on port tack sailing downwind to mark 3 for Race 10.
- 3) 207762 entered the zone clear ahead of 197857 and 151522.
- 4) When 207762 was 1 boat-length from the mark, 197857 and 151522 established an inside overlap to windward of 207762.
- 5) When 207762 was abreast of the mark, she was the outside boat, 151522 was the middle boat and 197857 was the inside boat.
- 6) Contact occurred between the port quarter of 207762 and the starboard bow of 151522, and contact occurred between the port quarter of 151522 and the starboard bow of 197857, with no damage or injury.
- 7) No boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

197857, clear astern at the time 207762 reached the zone, failed to give 207762 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b). 197857 did not avoid contact and broke RRS 14. 207762, a boat entitled to mark-room, did not avoid contact with 151522 when it was reasonably possible. Therefore, 207762 broke RRS 14. However, 207762 is exonerated under RRS 14(b) as the contact did not cause damage or injury.

DECISION

197857 is DSQ in Race 10.
(Started: 1730h/Finished: 1755h)

Date & Time: 2019-11-19 17:55 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)

Committee Members: Joe Chan (NJ) - SGP