DECISION Request No.: 06

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: YAI Youth Multi-class Sailing & Kiteboard Championship 2022 Race Number: 7

Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-11

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 06: ILCA 4 - Male - Indian 210449 - Laser 4.7 - Adhvait Prasant Menon INWTC (Mandovi)

ILCA 4 - Male - Indian 208920 - Laser 4.7 - Akshay Vincent C TSC

Witnesses: Ansh Raj Bundela (IND 210440) for IND 208920

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Hearing No 6 was heard together with Hearing No 7 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.

Abhishek Pandey (Coach of IND 191119), P Madhu (Coach of IND 210449) and Anil Sharma (Coach of NSS Bhopal) attended as observers.

FACTS FOUND

- 1. The wind was 10 to 12 knots and the water was choppy in the 7th race for ILCA 4 (Boys).
- 2. The course designated for the race was LR2.
- 2. IND 210449 and IND 208920 were sailing on a run on the 4th leg, both on starboard tack.
- 3. IND 210440 and IND 208191 were following them on a run, clear astern by more than 4 boat lengths.
- 4. When IND 208920 was at the zone of Mark 2P, he was overlapped to leeward and inside of IND 210449.
- 5. The distance between the boats was less than half a boat length.
- 6. IND 208920 luffed sharply and IND 210449 responded immediately by luffing sharply also.
- 7. The main sheet of IND 210449 got entangled with the tiller of IND 208920 and both boats capsized.
- 8. IND 208920 righted his boat once, but it capsized again immediately, after which also he remained fully involved in recovering his boat.
- 9. While IND 209820 was attempting to recover his boat, IND 210449 went in the water and released his main sheet from the tiller of IND 208920.
- 10. Both managed to recover their boats and continued in the race.
- 11. Meanwhile, IND 210440 and IND 208191 passed IND 210449 and IND 208920, rounded the mark and finished 4th and 3rd respectively.
- 12. IND 210449 finished 13th and IND 208920 finished 15th.
- 13. There was no damage or injury.
- 14. Neither boat took a penalty.
- 15. A total of 12 races are scheduled for ILCA 4 (Boys).

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 11, 14, 16.1, 18.4, 43.1(b), 43.1(c), 62.1(b)

- 1. Before gybing at the mark, IND 208920 the right-of-way boat who was overlapped inside of IND 210449, sailed further from the mark than needed to sail her proper course. IND 208920 broke RRS 18.4.
- 2. When changing course, IND 208920 the right-of-way boat failed to give IND 210449 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 16.1.
- 3. IND 208920 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
- 4. Since IND 208920 was right-of way boat and the contact did not cause damage or injury, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(c) for breaking RRS 14.

- 5. IND 210449 to windward did not keep clear of IND 208920 to leeward and broke RRS 11.
- 6. Since IND 210449 broke RRS 11 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.
- 7. It was not reasonably possible for IND 210449 the boat sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with IND 208920 when it was clear that IND 208920 was not giving room. IND 210449 did not break RRS 14.
- 8. The evidence produced did not substantiate that there was a deliberate attempt by IND 208920 to hinder the progress of IND 210449 in the race; it was not clearly established that the principles of sportsmanship and fair play had been violated.
- 9. The requirements for redress as per RRS 62.1(b) are not met.

DECISION

- 1. IND 208920 is DSQ in Race 7.
- 2. Redress is not given to IND 210449.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Purnima Tiwari (IND)

Committee Members: Gurvinderpal Julka (IND), Tribhuwan Jaiswal (IND), Abhirav Oak (IND)

Written Decision Requested By: IND 210449. Delivered on 12 Aug 2022

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