

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 09

Event: YAI Youth Multi-class Sailing & Kiteboard Championship 2022 Race Number: 8
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-11

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 09: Optimist Main - Male - Indian 1674 - Optimist - Akash M Tangai TSC

Optimist Main - Male - Indian 1116 - Optimist - Shashank Batham NSS

Witnesses: Divyanshi Mishra (IND 1564) for IND 1116.

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

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 8 - 10 knots and the water was choppy.
2. Around 5 seconds before the starting signal, IND 1674 and IND 1116 were approaching the starting line to start, both on starboard tack.
3. IND 1116 was overlapped to leeward and slightly ahead of IND 1674. The distance between the boats was less than one boat length.
4. After starting, IND 1116 tacked to port.
5. Immediately after IND completed her tack, contact took place between the bow of IND 1674 and the starboard beam of IND 1116.
6. IND 1674 then sailed astern of IND 1116.
7. IND 1116 then took a two-turns penalty.
8. There was no damage or injury.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 14, 44.1

1. IND 1116 on port failed to keep clear of IND 1674 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. IND 1116 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for IND 1674 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with IND 1116 when it was clear that IND 1116 was not keeping clear. IND 1674 did not break RRS 14.
4. By taking her penalty turns as soon after the incident as possible, IND 1116 complied with the requirements of RRS 44.1.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-08-11 21:40 IST

Protest upheld. IND 1116 took the applicable penalty and is not further penalized.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Purnima Tiwari (IND)

Committee Members: Gurvinderpal Julka (IND), Soma Pillai (IND), Tribhuvan Jaiswal (IND), Abhirav Oak (IND)