

DECISION

Request No.: 07

Hearing concerning a support person

Event: YAI Youth Nationals 2021 Race Number: 2
Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-14

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 07: Protest Committee

Other

Witnesses: Mark Boat 1 for Course B represented by Swadheen; IND 207335 represented by Vijay Kumar; IND 207336 represented by B Kiran Kumar; IND 711 represented by Sabavath Ramadas

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: N/A

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: N/A

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: N/A

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Information was received by the PC at 1900 hours on 13 Oct 2021 that the coach vessel from TSC was giving verbal instructions during the race in Race Area B (attached).
2. The PC decided to call a hearing to consider whether a support person had broken a rule.
3. Satyavir Siwatch, Member PC, was appointed to investigate the matter. His investigation report brought out that verbal instructions were allegedly being given near the windward mark during the first rounding.
4. The hearing was attended by Alok Pandey (Sail No 201437) who had submitted the initial report.
5. Hav Nithin MK is the registered coach of TSC, as per the registration document obtained from and verified by Col Manoj Ranjan, Organising Secretary, on behalf of the OA.
6. Hav Nithin MK, the coach of TSC, was afloat during the race in Race Area B, but was not near the windward mark at the time of the first rounding.
7. Sub Maj Shiva from TSC was afloat during the races in Race Area B, on 13 Oct 2021.
8. Sub Maj Shiva was appointed as the In-charge of Rescue Operations by the OA, as per the detailment document received from and verified by Col Manoj Ranjan, Organising Secretary, on behalf of the OA.
9. Sub Maj Shiva was identified by Alok Pandey as the person who he alleged had giving verbal instructions during the race in Race Area B.
10. The hearing proceeded to consider whether Sub Maj Shiva was a support person and whether he had broken a rule.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 5-7 knots and the sea state was 1.
2. During Race No 2, a vessel carrying a 'Coach' flag was positioned 15-20 boat lengths upwind of the windward mark, when the boats were beating towards the windward mark on leg 1.
3. Sub Maj Shiva was on board this vessel during Race 2.
4. Sub Maj Shiva was not seen talking to any of the competitors while at this position.
5. Sub Maj Shiva later positioned his vessel near and downwind of the finishing line.
6. Sails No IND 207335 and IND 207336, both from TSC, went to Sub Maj Shiva's vessel after finishing.
7. Sub Maj Shiva handed over drinking water to these sailors.

Diagram: No Diagram Needed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: Definition, Support Person; 60.3(d)

1. Sub Maj Shiva, although a member of the OA, provided physical support to Sails No IND 207335 and IND 207336, and was therefore a Support Person, as per Definitions in the RRS.
2. Sub Maj did not give verbal instructions during the race to any competitor, hence he did not break any

rule.

DECISION**Date & Time:** 2021-10-14 20:40 IST

No rule was broken by the support person. The hearing is closed.

PROTEST COMMITTEE**Chaired By:** Gurvinderpal Julka (IND)**Committee Members:** Tribhuwan Jaiswal (IND), Ananya Siwatch (IND), Aman Vyas (IND)**Printed:** 2021-10-21 11:41