

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: 19th SAFYC Regatta 2023 Race Number: 3
Hearing Schedule: 2023-04-01 18:20

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: ILCA 4 - Open - 214730 - Nil - Ethan Teo

ILCA 4 - Open - Sgp 212221 - Nil - Joshua Cheong

Witnesses: NZL 221703

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

None

FACTS FOUND

1. SGP 214730, NZL 221703 and SGP 212221 were approaching the windward mark, Mark 1.
2. SGP 214730 was sailing a close-hauled course along the starboard layline and on starboard tack. She was fetching the mark.
3. NZL 221703 was sailing a close-hauled course along the port layline and on port tack.
4. SGP 212221 overlaid the mark. She was sailing below a close-hauled course and to windward of NZL 221703. Both boats were overlapped. NZL 221703 was half a boat length ahead and a boat length to leeward.
5. NZL 221703 and SGP 212221 were on collision courses with SGP 214730.
6. When SGP 214730 was two boat lengths from NZL 221703, she hailed 'starboard'. NZL 221703 then hailed to SGP 212221 for room to tack. SGP 212221 did not respond to NZL 221703's hail.
7. When SGP 214730 was half a boat length from NZL 221703, she tacked to port to avoid a collision.
8. No boat took an appropriate penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 20.2(b), 20.2(c) and 43.1(a)

1. SGP 212221 failed to tack as soon as possible or immediately respond after NZL 221703 hailed her for room to tack, as required by RRS 20.2(b) and (c).
2. NZL 221703 on port failed to keep clear of SGP 214730 on starboard, and broke RRS 10. Since NZL 221703 was compelled to break RRS 10 as a consequence of SGP 212221 breaking RRS 20.2(b) and (c), she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a) for this breach.

DECISION

1. SGP 212221 is DSQ in race 3.

Date & Time: 2023-04-01 19:30 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Selvam Mookken (SGP)

Committee Members: Ignatius Thiam and Jason Swee