DECISION Request No.: 13

Protest

Event: YAI Youth Nationals 2021 Race Number: 9

Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-15

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 13: Optimist - Open - IND 1606 - Arahant Veerareddy

Optimist - Open - IND 1628 - Hriethik Amar Jaiswal

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: N/A

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

- 1. The wind was 8 to 10 knots and the the waves were 0.5 m high.
- 2. Sail No 1606 and Sail No 1628 approached Mark No 2 on a reach, both on starboard tack.
- 3. At four boat lengths from the mark, Sail No 1606 was clear ahead of Sail No 1628.
- 4. When Sail No 1606 reached the zone, there was reasonable doubt that Sail No 1628 had obtained an inside overlap.
- 5. Sail No 1606 was around half a boat length away from the mark while rounding it.
- 6. Sail No 1628 bore away and contact took place between the port quarter of Sail No 1606 and the bow of Sail No 1628.
- 7. There was no damage or injury.
- 8. Neither boat took any penalty turns.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 18.2(b), 18.2(e), 14

- 1. Since there was reasonable doubt that Sail No 1628 obtained an overlap when Sail No 1606 reached the zone, in accordance with RRS 18.2(e) it is presumed that she did not do so.
- 2. Sail No 1628 clear astern at the time Sail 1606 reached the zone failed to give Sail No 1606 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).
- 3. Sail No 1628 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
- 4. It was not reasonably possible for Sail No 1606 the boat sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with Sail No 1628 when it was clear that Sail No 1628 was not giving mark-room. Sail No 1606 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

Sail No 1628 is DSQ in Race 9.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Aman Vyas (IND)

Committee Members: Gurvinderpal Julka (IND), Soma Pillai (IND), Satyavir Siwatch (IND), Ananya Siwatch (IND)

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