

DECISION

Request No.: 18

Protest

Event: Mussanah Open Championship 2021 Race Number: 12
Hearing Date: 2021-04-07

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 18: RS:X Men - OMA OMA1 - Faisal Al-Qutaiti X
RS:X Men - PHI PHI4 - Geylord Coveta x

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit The initiator tried unsuccessfully to file the hearing request online. Therefore, a written hearing request was accepted from him.

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed In addition, the initiator informed the RC at the finishing line of his intention to protest, immediately after finishing.

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. No observers were allowed during the hearing, in keeping with the COVID-19 protocol.
2. PHI 4 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
3. The coach of PHI 4 came to the hearing after the PC had deliberated the case and just prior to announcing the decision.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 10-12 knots and the sea condition was choppy.
2. OMA 1 and PHI 4 were approaching the starting line. OMA1 was on starboard tack and PHI 4 was on port.
3. The boards were on a collision course. OMA 1 hailed 'starboard' to PHI 4.
4. There were other boards leeward of PHI 4 who were also approaching the starting line .
5. Both boards held their course and contact took place between the body of PHI 4 and the boom of OMA 1.
6. There was no damage or injury.
7. Neither board took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14, 63.3(b)

1. PHI 4 on port failed to keep clear of OMA 1 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. PHI 4 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for OMA 1 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with PHI 4 when it was clear that PHI 4 was not keeping clear. OMA 1 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

PHI 4 is DSQ in Race 12.

Date & Time: 2021-04-07 18:20 +04

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Leonard Chin (MAS)

Committee Members: Gurvinderpal Julka (IND), Paul Schilizzi (GRE), Ali Ambusaidi (OMA), saleh AL Jabri (OMA)