

# DECISION

Request No.: 08

Protest

Event: SSF Selection Trials - Optimist Race Number: 10

Hearing Date: 2020-03-22

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 08:** 340 - Auson Xiang Rui Leow

4462 - Eitan Oh

**Witnesses:** NIL

**Interpreters:** NIL

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No No Conflicts of Interest to declare and no objection to any members of the panel.

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit Protest time limit was 1706h and the protest was lodged at 1705h.

**Incident Identified:** Yes Written protest or request identifies the incident.

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed "Protest" was hailed at the first reasonable opportunity.

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**DECISION:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1) Parties have had reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.
- 2) Finishing vessel informed as soon as possible after finishing as per NoR/SI 20.1.

## FACTS FOUND

- 1) The wind speed was approximately 8 knots and the sea-state was choppy.
- 2) 340 and 4462 were sailing towards Mark 1 on a close-hauled converging course.
- 3) 340 was on starboard tack fetching and overstood the mark slightly and was sailing slightly below close-hauled.
- 4) 4462 was on port tack slightly below the port-tack layline overlapped to leeward and slightly ahead of 4637.
- 5) In the zone of Mark 1, 4637 tacked to starboard followed thereafter by 4462 who luffed and passed head to wind.
- 6) Before 4462 completed her tack, 340 luffed up to a close-hauled course to try and avoid contact with 4462.
- 7) Contact occurred beam-to-beam between the port gunwale of 340 and the starboard gunwale of 4462, with no damage or injury.
- 8) Neither boats took a penalty.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, 4462 failed to keep clear of 340 on a tack, and broke RRS 13. 4462 did not avoid contact and broke RRS 14. It was not reasonably possible for 340, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with 4462 when it was clear that 4462 was not keeping clear. Therefore, 340 did not break RRS 14.

## DECISION

4462 is DSQ in Race 10.  
(Started: 1830h, Finished: 1845h)

**Date & Time:** 2020-03-22 18:45 +08

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Jerrold Ng (SGP)

**Committee Members:** Zhang Yong Qiang (NJ) - SGP, Liu Hong - SGP

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