

DECISION

Request Number: 01

Protest

Event: Pesta Sukan Dinghy Regatta 2019 Race Number: 3

Hearing Date: 2019-08-02

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Opti (Gold) - SGP 111 - Tan Xuan Yi Josiah

Respondent(s): Opti (Gold) - SGP 4688 - Ethan Teo Yuan Xin

Witnesses: SGP 112 - Kenan Tan (Initiator's witness)

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Protest time limit was 1850h and the protest was lodged at 1847h.
2. Parties have had reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.
3. No Conflicts of Interest to declare and no objection to any members of the panel.
4. "Protest" was hailed at the first reasonable opportunity.
5. Written protest or request identifies the incident.
6. Finishing vessel informed as soon as possible after finishing as per SI 17.1.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind speed was averaging 12 knots and the sea-state was choppy.
2. SGP 111 and SGP 4688 were on port tack sailing upwind on Race 3 on Leg 1 towards Mark 1.
3. SGP 111 was one boat-length clear ahead and one boat-length to leeward of SGP 4688 who was clear astern of SGP 111.
4. When SGP 111 was four boat-lengths from Mark 1 she tacked to starboard and both boats became on collision courses.
5. SGP 4688 luffed sharply to tack away whilst SGP 111 luffed slightly when SGP 4688 was just passed head to wind.
6. Contact occurred between the starboard-stern of SGP 4688 and the port-bow of SGP 111 with no damage or injury.
7. Neither boats took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

When acquiring right of way, SGP 111 failed to initially give SGP 4688 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15. After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, SGP 4688 failed to keep clear of SGP 111 on a tack, and broke RRS 13. SGP 4688 broke RRS 13 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled. Therefore, she is exonerated under RRS 21(a). SGP 111, the right-of-way boat, did not avoid contact with SGP 4688 when it was reasonably possible. Therefore, SGP 111 broke RRS 14. However, SGP 111 is exonerated under RRS 14(b) as the contact did not cause damage or injury. It was not reasonably possible for SGP 4688, a boat entitled to room, to avoid contact with SGP 111 when it was clear that SGP 111 was not giving room. Therefore, SGP 4688 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

SGP 111 is DSQ in Race 3.
(Hearing started: 1910h, Hearing Ended: 1955h)

Date & Time: 2019-08-02 19:55 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)
Committee Members: Tan Tee Suan (IJ), Joe Chan (NJ)