

DECISION

Request No.: 05

Protest

Event: Mussanah Open Championship 2021 Race Number: 2

Hearing Date: 2021-04-04

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: Laser STD - THA 213137 - Arthit Mikhail Romanyk

Laser STD - IND 212160 - Gitesh

Witnesses: Video from the Jury

Interpreters: Jury member Gurvinderpal Julka translated for Protestee

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed Protestee

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Due to the pandemic, and to minimise person to person contact, no observers will be allowed at hearings.
2. All parties, witnesses and jury members had to sanitise their hands before and after using the model boats.
3. A jury member who was at the start of the Laser Standard Race 4 produced a video of the incident.

FACTS FOUND

1. 1 minute before the start of race 4, the wind was 12 to 15 knots, and the waves up to 1meter.
2. Both THA 212137 and IND 212160 were on starboard tack.
3. THA 212137's bow was overlapped to leeward with IND 212160's aft third of her hull.
4. The distance between THA 212137 and IND 212160 was less than half a boat length.
5. KAZ 213003 established an overlap to leeward with THA 212137, with 1m between the hulls.
6. THA 212137 luffed slowly.
7. IND 212160 did not respond.
8. A wave moved IND 212160 to leeward.
9. There was contact between THA 212137's starboard bow and IND 212160'S rear port quarter.
10. There was no damage to either boats.
11. Neither boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 11, 14

1. IND 212160 to windward failed to keep clear of THA 212137 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. IND 212160 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for THA 212137, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with IND 212160 when it was clear that IND 212160 was not keeping clear. THA 212137 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

IND 212160 is DSQ in race 4.

Date & Time: 2021-04-04 18:50 +04

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Paul Schilizzi (GRE)

