

DECISION

Request No.: 01

Request for Redress

Event: Optimist Gold Fleet Qualifier - July 2021 Race Number: 2

Hearing Date: 2021-07-04

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Optimist - SGP3496 - Ethan Wong Yi Chen

Race Committee

Witnesses: RC Starting Pin - Ellyn (PC Witness), 3482 - Jonas Knick (Initiator's Witness), Shawal (PC Witness)

Interpreters: NIL

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit Request lodged as soon as reasonably possible.

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 1) The request for redress was submitted on 3 Jul (Sat) at 1826h. The protest time limit was 1825h. Boats got back ashore close to 1800h and 3496 managed to view the results after 1800h. He submitted the request ASAP after viewing the results.
- 2) 3496 was scored DNS but alleged he had started. The PC referred the request to the RC scorer and was treated as a scoring enquiry. The scorer changed the score from DNS to DNF on 4 Jul (Sun) and informed 3496 after racing on 4 Jul that the RC has reviewed their records and his scoring will remain.
- 3) As 3496 did not request to withdraw his request for redress, the hearing was scheduled on 4 Jul.
- 4) Bay Yan Ming (mother of Ethan, 3496) attended the hearing as an observer.
- 5) RC was represented by Jonathan Chan, a helper on the RC signal vessel. The RO George Cheong did not represent the RC.

FACTS FOUND

- 1) Wind speed at the start was approximately 7 knots. The current was light pushing boats from the RC signal vessel to the port end starting mark, a small pink buoy.
- 2) There was a bias on the starting pin end causing boats to start closer to the port end.
- 3) The preparatory signal was the U flag rule.
- 4) 10 seconds after the starting signal, 3496 started three boat lengths from the port end starting mark on starboard tack and was amongst a bunch of boats.
- 5) 3496 tacked to port almost immediately and at no time sailed or drifted to the pre-start side of the starting line.
- 6) 3496 was not recorded on the finishing recording sheet as the RC believed she Did Not Start. The scorer ashore, therefore, changed the score to DNF on 4 Jul (Sun).
- 7) RC did not remember if 3496 had crossed the finishing line and there was no voice or video recording from the RC to verify.
- 8) 3496 was overlapped with two other boats approaching the port end finishing line mark (RC vessel) with 3496 the outer boat, another unknown boat in the middle and 3482 the innermost boat.
- 9) 4719 and 3482 was scored 16th and 17th place in Race 2 respectively.
- 10) 3496 finished one place ahead of 3482 at the finishing line.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 62.1, 62

3496's score in Race 2 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by an improper action or

omission of the Race Committee.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2021-07-04 16:05 +08

Redress is given to 3496. 3496 is to be scored in Race 2 points equal to 17th place. The scores of other boats finishing thereafter will be pushed one place downwards. I.e. 3482 will be scored in 18th place.
(Started: 1515h, End: 1605h)

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)

Committee Members: Jonathan Kwek

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