

DECISION

Request No.: 01

Protest

Event: Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association Open and National Championships 2021 Race Number: 4
Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-02 17:30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Optimist Intermediate Fleet - 628 - Navon C Z Li
Optimist Intermediate Fleet - 559 - Toby Ouyang Shuhang

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

Boat 559 did not come to the hearing. The hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).

FACTS FOUND

Boats were on a beat to windward (Leg 4).
628 was on starboard tack on a collision course with 559, on port tack.
628 shouted, "Starboard!" when 3 boat lengths apart.
559 did not change course.
628 bore away. 628's bow collided with 559's rudder.
There was no damage or injury.
Neither boat took a penalty turn.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, RRS 14

1. 559 on port failed to keep clear of 628 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. It was not reasonably possible for 628, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with 559 when it was clear that 559 was not keeping clear. 628 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

559 is DSQ in race 4.

Date & Time: 2021-10-02 17:54 HKT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Felix Ng (HKG)
Committee Members: Benjamin Harding (HKG), David Fan (HKG), Vivian Ngan (HKG)