

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 10

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 13

Event: YAI J80 National Championship 2023 Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-20

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 10: J80 - Gold Fleet - Boat No 3 - Murugan Nadar

J80 - Gold Fleet - Boat No 4 - Praveen

Request No.: 13: J80 - Gold Fleet - Boat No 4 - Praveen Kumar

J80 - Gold Fleet - Boat No 3 - Murugan Nadar

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: N/A

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Hearing No. 10 was heard together with Hearing No. 13 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was 6 to 7 knots.
2. Boat No 4 and Boat No 3 were on Stbd tack close hauled, a couple of boat lengths below the start line and closer to the Pin end with sails luffing about 10 - 15 secs prior to start.
3. Boat No 4 was to windward of Boat No 3.
4. Boat No 4 ducked the stern of Boat No 3 and established overlap to leeward and immediately luffed.
5. Contact took place between the Starbd bow of Boat No 4 and stern quarter of Boat No 3.
6. No boat took penalty.
7. There was no damage or injury.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 11, 14, 15 and 43.1

1. When acquiring right of way through her own actions, Boat No 4 failed to initially give Boat No 3 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15.
2. Boat No 4 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. Since Boat No 4 was right-of way boat and the contact did not cause damage or injury, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(c) for breaking RRS 14.
4. It was not reasonably possible for Boat No 3 the boat sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with Boat No 4 when it was clear that Boat No 4 was not giving room. Boat No 3 did not break RRS 14.
5. Since Boat No 3 broke RRS 11 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2023-08-20 19:36 IST

1. The Protest is Upheld
2. BOAT 4 is DSQ in Race 7 (Gold 1)

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee

Chaired By: Ananya Siwatch (IND)

Committee Members: Satish Kumar Kanwar (IND), Satyavir Siwatch (IND)