

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 09

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 12

Event: YAI J80 National Championship 2023 Race Number: 2
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-20

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 09: J80 - Gold Fleet - Boat No 3 - Murugan Nadar

J80 - Gold fleet - Boat No 4 - Praveen

Request No.: 12: J80 - Gold Fleet - Boat No 4 - Praveen

J80 - Gold Fleet - Boat No 3

Witnesses: Jayalakshmi (Crew of Boat No 3), Satish Kanwar (Jury Member)

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Jury had seen the incident and gave witness.

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was 5-6 Knots.
2. 20 sec before start Boat 4 was ahead of Boat 3 both on Starboard, holding close hauled with sails luffing about 3 to 4 boat lengths below the start line.
3. Boat No 3 was astern of boat No 4.
4. Boat No 3 established a leeward overlap of Boat No 4 and luffed hard within 2 secs of establishing the overlap.
5. There was a contact between stbd bow of Boat No 3 with port stern of Boat No 4.
6. No boat took penalty.
7. 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 3 failed to initially give Boat No 4 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15.
2. Boat No 3 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. Since Boat No 3 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 4 the boat sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with Boat No 3 when it was clear that Boat No 3 was not giving room. Boat No 4 did not break RRS 14.
5. Since Boat No 4 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 17:40 IST

Protest is upheld. BOAT 3 is DSQ in Race 8 (Gold 2).

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee

Chaired By: Ananya Siwatch (IND)

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