

DECISION

Request No.: 16

Protest

Event: Singapore National Sailing Championships 2023 Race Number: 8
Hearing Schedule: 2023-09-04 17:30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 16: ILCA 6 - SGP 205778 - Kenan Tan Kee Zen

ILCA 6 - SGP 214748 - JARROD TOH

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

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind speed was 12 knots and the sea-state was choppy.
2. SGP 214748 and SGP 205778 were sailing downwind on starboard tack towards mark 3.
3. When SGP 214748 was five boat-lengths from mark 3, SGP 205778 was clear astern of her.
4. SGP 214748 reached the zone of mark 3 before SGP 205778.
5. The positions of the two boats relative to each other when SGP 214748 reached the zone could not be established.
6. When SGP 214748 was one boat-length from the mark, SGP 205778 established an overlap to leeward and inside of SGP 214748.
7. When SGP 214748's bow was abeam the mark, SGP 205778 luffed and sailed astern of SGP 214748.
8. SGP 214748 rounded the mark before SGP 205778.
9. There was no contact and neither boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 18.2(e)

1. Since there was reasonable doubt that SGP 205778 obtained the overlap in time before SGP 214748 reached the zone, in accordance with RRS 18.2(e) it is presumed that she did not do so.
2. By luffing to pass astern of SGP 214748, SGP 205778 who was clear astern at the time SGP 214748 reached the zone, gave SGP 214748 mark-room, and did not break RRS 18.2(b).

DECISION

The protest is dismissed.

Date & Time: 2023-09-04 18:05 +08

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Sungchul Jeong (KOR)

Committee Members: Jerrold Ng (SGP), Philippe Mazard (FRA), Selvam Mookken (SGP), Zuoru Jiang (CHN)