

DECISION

Request No.: 18

Request for Redress

Event: Singapore National Sailing Championships 2023 Race Number: 3
Hearing Schedule: 2023-09-04 18:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 18: Optimist Gold - AUS 1570 - Wil Sayers

Race Committee

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: N/A

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. The Race Committee was represented by Marco A. Del Porto (Optimist Course Race Officer).
2. Marco provided video evidence taken from the finishing Race Committee vessel.
3. Ros Sayers (mother of AUS 1570) attended the hearing as an observer.
4. On the morning of 03/09/2023 at 11:41, AUS 1570 filed a scoring inquiry form claiming that he had passed through the finishing line and should be scored in her finishing place of 69 points instead of DNF. The Race Committee's decision was to make no change to the boat's score on 03/09/2023 after the Race Committee arrived ashore. Subsequently, AUS 1570 filed this request for redress based on the same claim on 03/09/2023 at 16:45.

FACTS FOUND

1. The finishing line for Race 3 of the Optimist Gold fleet was between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat on the starboard side and a blue oval buoy on the port side.
2. The course to sail to the finishing line from the previous mark was a beat to windward.
3. AUS 1570 was approaching the port end of the finishing line from the course side on a starboard tack close-hauled course.
4. AUS 1570 sailed past the finishing pin mark leaving it to starboard.
5. AUS 1570 then tacked to port and sailed to windward and away from the finishing line.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 62.1(a)

AUS 1570's score in race 3 was made significantly worse through her own fault. There was neither an improper action nor an omission of the Race Committee. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a) are not met.

DECISION

Redress is not given.

Date & Time: 2023-09-04 18:25 +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)