

# DECISION

Request No.: 08

## Protest

Event: 20th SAFYC Regatta 2024 Race Number: 3  
Hearing Schedule: 2024-04-13 18:00

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 08:** ILCA 4 - 91 - Ian Goh

ILCA 4 - SGP 221062 - Austin Yeo Jia Yu

**Witnesses:** NIL

**Interpreters:** NIL

### 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 11 knots and gusting, with the sea-state choppy.
2. SGP 221062 and 91 were sailing on a port tack close-hauled course approximately half boat-length to leeward of the port tack layline to mark 1.
3. When SGP 221062 was one boat-length to windward of the starboard tack layline, she started luffing.
4. At this moment, 91 was one boat-length clear astern and 30 centimetres to windward of SGP 221062.
5. After SGP 221062 passed head to wind but before he was on a close-hauled course, 91 bore away sharply to avoid contact.
6. The closest distance between the two boats was 20 centimetres.
7. If 91 did not change course, contact would have occurred between 91's bow and the port amidships of SGP 221062.
8. Neither boat took a penalty.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 13, WS Case 15

After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, SGP 221062 failed to keep clear of 91. SGP 221062 broke RRS 13.

### DECISION

SGP 221062 is DSQ in race 3.

**Date & Time:** 2024-04-13 18:30 +08

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type:** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Jerrold Ng (SGP)

**Committee Members:** Ignatius Thiam, Mervyn Kwok