

DECISION

Request No.: 15

Protest

Event: Singapore National Sailing Championships 2023 Race Number: 8
Hearing Schedule: 2023-09-04 17:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 15: ILCA 6 - SGP 197834 - Zachary Zhang Hong Yi

ILCA 6 - SGP 214860 - Ethan Lim Yi Xuan

Witnesses: 216431

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

Emma Lew Yixuan (representative of SGP 216431) attended the hearing as a witness for SGP 197834.

FACTS FOUND

1. SGP 197834 and SGP 214860 were both sailing downwind on starboard tack.
2. SGP 214860 was clear ahead and to windward of SGP 197834 by 1 metre.
3. SGP 214860 slowed down after being wind-shadowed by SGP 197834.
4. SGP 214860 bore away towards SGP 197834.
5. Contact occurred between the bow of SGP 197834 and the port stern corner of SGP 214860, with no damage or injury.
6. Neither boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 12, 14 & 16.1

1. When changing course, SGP 214860 the right-of-way boat failed to give SGP 197834 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 16.1.
2. SGP 197834 clear astern failed to keep clear of SGP 214860 clear ahead, and broke RRS 12.
3. Since SGP 197834 broke RRS 12 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.
4. SGP 214860 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
5. It was not reasonably possible for SGP 197834 the boat sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with SGP 214860 when it was clear that SGP 214860 was not giving room. SGP 197834 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

SGP 214860 is DSQ in race 8.

Date & Time: 2023-09-04 17:35 +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)