

# DECISION

Request No.: 02

## Protest

Event: The Singapore Regatta 2022 Race Number: 1  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-24 18:20

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: PY - 1 - 3854 - Adona - Ad Smit

PY - 1 - SIN786 - Balqis - Zaheera Hashim

Witnesses: Sapphire Star

### VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit Refer to procedural matters.

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: N/A Both boats were beyond hailing distance.

Red Flag Displayed: N/A RRS 61.1(a)(3)

Decision: Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Hearing requests 1 and 2 were lodged by Adona (3854) against Balqis (SIN 786). Both requests relate to the same incident. The second request is a duplicate of the first. After finishing her race, Adona informed the race committee of her intention to protest Balqis for not sailing the course. The race committee relayed this message to the protest committee chairman. Adona, on her way to RSYC marina, attempted to lodge her protest against Balqis online. Due to poor internet connectivity, the system logged the hearing request at 16:26 but not the detailed information. When Adona came ashore, she re-entered the information in the system at 17:24. The system captured the re-entered information as hearing request number 2. The protest time limit is 17:09. The protest committee is satisfied that the hearing request lodged at 16:26 is within the protest time limit.

2. Adona finished the race at 14:39 and Balqis at 15:04. Adona arrived in RSYC marina before Balqis. When Balqis arrived in the marina, Adona met Balqis on the pontoon and informed her of Adona's intention to protest Balqis for not sailing the course. RRS 61.1(a)(3), provides that "if the incident was an error by the other boat in *sailing the course*, she need not hail or display a red flag but she shall inform the other boat either before or at the first reasonable opportunity after the other boat *finishes*". The first reasonable opportunity for Adona to inform Balqis was when Balqis arrived in the marina. The protest committee is satisfied that Adona has met the requirements of RRS 61.1(a)(3).

3. Adona was represented by Richard Grant and Balqis by Zaheera Hashim.

### FACTS FOUND

1. The race is a passage race for PY class.
2. The course to be sailed included Airway Mark which is to be left to port. SIs 9 and Addendum 1(b).
3. When Balqis arrived at Airway Mark, she initially left it on her port side. She then changed her mind, retraced her steps and left the mark on her starboard side.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 28.1 and SIs 9, 12.2, 12.8 and Addendum 1(b).

1. Balqis failed to sail the course, and broke RRS 28.1.

### DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-07-24 18:53 +08

1. Balqis (Sin 786) is penalised in race number 1.
2. She is given a Scoring Penalty as set out in SI 12.2 and provided in SI 12.8.
3. Ten percent of her elapsed time shall be added to her finishing time.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Chaired By:** Selvam Mookken (SGP)

**Committee Members:** Wee Tee Teo (SGP), Tee Suan Tan (SGP)