

# DECISION

Request No.: 07

## Protest

Event: 20th SAFYC Regatta 2024 Race Number: 3  
Hearing Schedule: 2024-04-13 17:40

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 07: ILCA 4 - SGP 221062 - Austin Yeo Jia Yu

ILCA 4 - 91 - Ian Goh

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 6 knots and the sea-state was choppy.
2. Both boats were sailing downwind towards mark 3P with SGP 221062 clear ahead on starboard tack and 91 was clear astern on port tack.
3. 91 sailing faster established an overlap from clear astern to leeward of SGP 221062.
4. The lateral distance between the two boats was one hull-length.
5. Both boats were on converging courses, with SGP 221062 sailing by the lee and 91 sailing dead downwind.
6. SGP 221062 held her course.
7. When the lateral distance between both boats was reduced to half a hull-length, contact occurred between SGP 221062's mainsheet and 91's boom.
8. There was no damage or injury.
9. Neither boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14

1. 91 on port tack failed to keep clear of SGP 221062 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10.
2. 91 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. SGP 221062 the right-of-way boat did not act to avoid contact with 91 when it was reasonably possible and it became clear that 91 was not keeping clear. SGP 221062 broke RRS 14.
4. Since SGP 221062 was the right-of way boat and the contact did not cause damage or injury, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(c) for breaking RRS 14.

### DECISION

91 is DSQ in race 3.

Date & Time: 2024-04-13 18:05 +08

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Jerrold Ng (SGP)

Committee Members: Ignatius Thiam, Mervyn Kwok

