

# DECISION

Request No.: 01

## Protest

Event: SB20 Asia Pacific Championships 2024 Race Number: 1  
Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-02

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 01:** Sb20 - 0 - 3821 - Angry Bird - Will Sargent

Sb20 - 0 - 3365 - Firebird - Zafer Ulas Gokhan

**Witnesses:** No Witnesses were called

**Interpreters:** No Interpreters Required

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

Due to the incident the red flag was not displayed immediately but complied with RRS 61,1(c)

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The hearing was heard remotely using Video Conferencing

There were 3 observers.

No Witnesses were called.

Hearing Request 01 held together with Hearing Request 02.

### FACTS FOUND

1. Race 1 3 minutes before the start
2. Wind 18-20 Knts with a 1m sea.
3. 3821 on starboard was sailing downwind on a converging course with 3365 some 30 seconds before the incident.
4. 3821 did not make any hail of Starboard to 3365.
5. 3365 on Port was on a windward course converging with 3821.
6. 3821 bore away to attempt to avoid 3365 however, there was contact between the Rig on 3821 and the rig on 3365.
7. The contact damaged the rig on 3821 such that she had to retire from Race 1 and sailed ashore and did not compete any further races today.
8. 3365 did take a one turn penalty after the incident but continued to race in Race 1.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 10, 14.

1. 3365 on port tack failed to keep clear of 3821 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10.
2. 3365 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. 3365 did take a penalty but this was not appropriate under RRS 44. 1 (b) due to the damage suffered by 3821.
4. It was not reasonably possible for 3821 the right-of-way to avoid contact with 3365 when it was clear that 3365 was not keeping clear. 3821 did not break RRS 14.

### DECISION

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3365 is DSQ in Race 1

Redress is given to 3821 and is awarded average point for races 1,2 & 3 based on races 4,5 & 6 to the nearest tenth of a point. Subject to revision depending on the number of races sailed in the series.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type:** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** William Bradburn (GBR)

