

# DECISION

Request Number: 04

## Protest

Event: 2019 Wuhai International Windsurfing Race Race Number: 2

Hearing Date: 2019-05-11

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** Kite - 21

**Respondent(s):** Kite - 35

### 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 35 only found out that she was being protested at about 7 pm when he was having his dinner.

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

21 lodged her intention to protest at the Finish Vessel in Race 2 and filed a protest within protest time limit at 13:15. 21 did not attempt to inform 35 at the earliest reasonable opportunity. The protest schedule was posted on the notice board but 35 was not aware she was being protested. Protest did not comply with 61.1(a)(3)

#### 61.1. Informing the Protestee

(a) A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw, she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer *racing*. However,

1. if the other boat is beyond hailing distance, the protesting boat need not hail but she shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity;
2. if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag;
3. 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*;

### FACTS FOUND

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

21, by not informing 35 at the earliest reasonable opportunity failed to satisfy the requirements of RRS61.1(a)(3).

### DECISION

Protest Invalid

**Date & Time:** 2019-05-12 18:05 CST

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Leonard Chin (MAS)

**Committee Members:** Tee Suan Tan (SGP), Lock Kit (SGP) Fan Wen Shuo (CHN), Kong De Long (CHN)

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