DECISION Request No.: 06

**Protest** 

Event: Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week 2024 Race Number: 6

Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-02 17:30

**PARTIES AND WITNESSES** 

Request No.: 06: ILCA 6 - 211668 - Leo Lu Zehong

ILCA 6 - 211217 - Tommy Xie

**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**

The protestee 211217 did not come to the hearing, the hearing continue according to RRS 63.3(b).

Observers:

- -Raymond Tay (211668 coach)
- -Mak Cheuk Wing (sailor)

## **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. The wind was about 9 knots with moderate wave.
- 2. 15 sec before the start, 211668 and 211217 were on starboard heading to the start line overlapped with 211668 on leeward.
- 3. 211217 sailed down on 211668 and his port side touch 211668 starboard side with no damage.
- 4. No boats took penalty turns.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

### **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: RRS 11 and 14

- 211217 to windward failed to keep clear of 211668 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
- 211217 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
- It was not reasonably possible for 211668 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with 211217 when it was clear that 211217 was not keeping clear, 211668 did not break RRS 14.

#### **DECISION**

211217 is DSQ in race 6

# PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee Chaired By: Howie Suen (HKG)

Committee Members: Benjamin Harding (HKG), Rut Subniran (THA), Masaaki Tanaka (JPN), Cathy Delany-Hobbs (NZL)

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