

DECISION

Request No.: 17

Protest

Event: Sun Hung Kai & Co. Hong Kong Race Week 2024 Race Number: Race 7
Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-03 18:40

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 17: ILCA 4 - 210325 - Jason Lin

ILCA 4 - 222713 - Ian Goh

Witnesses: CHN210910

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 210325 was represented by Jason Lin.
- 222713 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
- ChanWai Kai, Cynthia Law, Raymond Wu (Supporters) attended the hearing as observers.

FACTS FOUND

- Wind speed was 13-14 knots, with moderate waves.
- 210325 was sailing close-hauled on the lay line to the mark 1 on starboard, 222713 was approaching the mark 1 on port.
- When 210325 was within one boat length from the mark, 222713 was keeping the course heading to her stern.
- Although 210325 bore away as quickly as possible to avoid the contact, the bow of 222713 touched port side of stern of 210325.
- There was no damage or injury.
- No boat took penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, RRS 14

- 222713 on port failed to keep clear of 210325 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
- 210325 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
- It was not reasonably possible for 210325, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with 222713, when it was clear that 222713 was not keeping clear, and she did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

222713 is DSQ in race 7.

Date & Time: 2024-02-03 19:02 HKT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Alain Choi (HKG)

Committee Members: Benjamin Harding (HKG), Rut Subniran (THA), Masaaki Tanaka (JPN), Chao Wang (CHN)

