

# DECISION

Request No.: 03

## Protest

Event: Hong Kong Optimist Dinghy Association Open and National Championships 2021 Race Number: 7  
Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-03 17:15

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: Optimist Main Fleet - 252 - Ziyang Huang  
Optimist Main Fleet - 971 - Tsz Ho WONG (Marco)

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** Yes  
**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit  
**Incident Identified:** Yes  
**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed  
**Red Flag Displayed:** No not required (RRS 61.1 a) 2  
**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### FACTS FOUND

At the first upwind leg of Race 7, 252 on starboard and 971 on port.  
They are on collision course.  
252 hailed starboard.  
971 did not change course and 252 bore away to try to avoid contact but did not.  
252's bow hit 971's rudder.  
There is no damage.  
No one did penalty turns.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 10, 14

1. 971 on port failed to keep clear of 252 on starboard, and broke RRS 10
2. It was not reasonably possible for 252, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with 971 when it was clear that 971 was not keeping clear. 252 did not break RRS 14.

### DECISION

971 is DSQ in Race no. 7

Date & Time:

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Raymond Wu (HKG)  
**Committee Members:** Benjamin Harding (HKG), Felix Ng (HKG), David Fan (HKG)

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