

SINGAPORE'S AUDI ULTRA ADD LINE HONOURS IN VINACAPITAL HONGKONG TO VIETNAM OFFSHORE RACE TO LINE HONOURS WIN IN INTERNATIONAL CHINA COAST REGATTA IN HONG KONG

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Singapore - After a thrilling offshore race from Hongkong to Vietnam, Singapore-registered Super Maxi *Audi ultra* added the line honours victory in the VinaCapital Hongkong to Vietnam Race to its line honours victory in last week's China Coast Regatta in Hong Kong.

Audi ultra is one of the world's most advanced ocean racing yachts, with a 26-strong crew consisting of experienced international sailors and 12 of Singapore's most promising young sailing talents, who are getting their first taste of super maxi racing.

After sailing in good winds, where the boat for the first 90% of the time was within setting a new record for the race, a tropical thunderstorm off the coast of Vietnam cut the over 20-knots speed of the Audi Ultra to almost zero.

Said skipper and two-times world champion Ludde Ingvall : "It was a heart wrenching disappointment for the team who had worked extremely hard for close to 40 hours to see the position to break the record simply rain away".

"After top speeds at over 26 knots, during which waves became obstacles more than opportunities to surf, a tropical thunderstorm in the night between Thursday and Friday off the coast of Vietnam brought rain so intense that you could not see many meters in front of you. The wind became very erratic and then non-existent" added Ingvall.

"However, we got the desired line honours and won, finishing several hours ahead of the competition. I am very proud of the newly formed Singaporean Audi ultra racing team and have no doubt of its capability to achieve further successes on the high seas" finished Ingvall.

The week before, the team had taken on the region's most experienced yachtsmen, and crossed the line first in four of the China Coast regatta's seven races, snatching line honours victory from Frank Pong's *Jelik 2* in the final leg of the final race.



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Tan Wearn Haw, 32, who has represented Singapore at the Olympic level skippered *Audi ultra* for the majority of the China Coast Regatta races said: “Our young sailors did very well in tough international competition”.

“We have built the breadth of sailing experience in Singapore and will cycle more sailors through this exciting and unique offshore racing programme, brought on by Ludde Ingvall and Singapore-based entrepreneurs Thomas Zilliacus and Ron Creevey. They together own the Audi ultra and have made a strong commitment to develop opportunities for Singaporean sailors to have a career in big boat sailing and make Singapore the Asian kingpins in offshore racing” finished the Singapore Sailing Federation CEO.

The *Audi ultra* team’s next challenge is the King’s Cup Regatta in Phuket in early December. After winning the line honours in both of its first two races in Asia, the team is hoping for strong winds and another win in Phuket.

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