

J/24 World Championship 2025

□ Question for Officials

Date: 2025-09-12

Question No: 09

Question For: Protest Committee

Question:

Regarding Protest No 14.

Tinto was not on Port tack in the incident with Nitro. We were actually to windward of Nitro, on Starboard tack, moving slowly towards the Starting Line. As we were moving slowly I had difficulty steering & we made contact lightly.

Just after this both Nitro and Tinto were hit by a boat on Port tack. Tinto has damage to gelcoat on the gun whale towards the front.

I did not see which boat this was that hit Nitro and us.

No damage was made in our contact with Nitro.

We then cleared the starting area, did our penalty turns and continued racing. This was witnessed by the Technical Boat.

I am not aware of the port tack boat name but Tinto can not be accused of a Port/starboard transgression

I do also apologise for not being at the Hearing at the appointed time. However offer the following :

- Tinto was involved in a minor incident on the starting line. No damage was caused.
 - We were also hit by another boat around the same time
 - We took a penalty at the time and continued racing.
 - as I believed there was no further action required, I and my crew set about sourcing repairs to a spinnaker and a broken tiller and were not aware that a protest was lodged against me.
 - Mark Prue, skipper of Nitro messaged me at 1442 claiming we had hit Nitro but I did not see this message until about 1600. He made no attempt to find me and speak to me.
- I am happy to attend a reopened Hearing should the Jury require.
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Answer:

Thank you for your question.

The protest was scheduled via the online notice board and the hearing was started later than scheduled.

The parties that were present, presented their case, evidence and called any witness that they wished to.

Based upon the information provided, the protest committee rendered a decision.

*Response By Robert Stewart Printed at 2025-09-18
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