# DECISION

**Protest**

**Event: Laser 4.7 Youth European Championship 2018    Race Number: 6**
**Hearing Date: 2018-04-12**

**Request Number: 21**

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### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** W - BEL 206994 - 5 - Manon SWAELEN

**Respondent(s):** W - ITA 210904 - 77 - Sofia PARADISI

**Witnesses:** ITA 183502 - Sara Arseni, Jury - Heiko Thoelmann

**Interpreters:** Coach ITA 210904

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### 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

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### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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### FACTS FOUND

1) The wind speed was averaging about 20 knots and the sea-state was choppy.
2) Less than a minute after the starting signal, BEL 206994 on starboard tack and ITA 210904 on port tack were on a close-hauled converging course from about 4 boat-lengths apart.
3) At ½ boat-lengths apart, BEL was aiming towards ITA's starboard quarter and ITA held her course throughout.
4) At less than ½ boat-lengths apart, BEL bore away sharply.
5) Obvious contact occurred between the bow of BEL and the starboard stern corner of ITA, with no damage or injury.
6) The jury whistled.
7) No penalty turns were taken.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

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### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

ITA on port failed to keep clear of BEL on starboard as required by RRS 10. ITA also broke RRS 14 as it was reasonably possible for her to avoid contact. By knowingly breaking a rule and not taking the appropriate penalty, ITA failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play and therefore broke RRS 2. BEL broke RRS 14 as it was reasonably possible for her to avoid contact but as the right-of-way boat, she is exonerated under RRS 14(b) as the contact did not cause damage or injury.

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**Date & Time:** 2018-04-12 22:50 EEST

Protest Upheld, ITA 210904 to be scored **DNE** in Race 6.

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### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Marios Zisimatos (GRE)
**Committee Members:** B Delbart (FRA), Heiko Thoelmann (GER), Jerrold Ng (SGP), Tonny Jensen (NOR)