

DECISION

Request No.: 10

Protest

Event: RS Tera World Championships 2022 Race Number: 13
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-05 15:55

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 10: RS Tera - Sport - GBR 2642 - Lauren Mecklenburgh
RS Tera - Sport - GBR 1885 - Ben Angell

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

1. The panel is constituted according to RRS N1.4(b)
2. Joanna Macalister attended the hearing as an observer.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind speed was 13-15 knots in race no. 10 of the RS Tera.
2. GBR 2642 was sailing on starboard tack on a close-hauled course.
3. GBR 1885 was sailing on port tack on a close-hauled course.
4. Both were on a collision course.
5. At a distance of 0.5-1.0 meter GBR 2642 luffed and passed head to wind.
6. There was contact between the port side of GBR 2642 and the starboard side of GBR 1885 at the last quarter of the hulls.
7. GBR 1885 took a one-turn penalty directly after the incident.
8. There was neither damage or injury.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 14, 44.1, SI 16.2

1. GBR 1885 on port failed to keep clear of GBR 2642 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. GBR 1885, did not act to avoid contact with GBR 2642 when it was reasonably possible. GBR 1885 broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for GBR 2642, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with GBR 1885 when it was clear that GBR 1885 was not keeping clear. GBR 2642 did not break RRS 14.
4. By taking the one-turn penalty, GBR 1885 took an appropriate penalty according to RRS 44.1

DECISION

Protest upheld. No further penalty applied.

Date & Time: 2022-08-05 16:16 IST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Stavros Kouris (GRE)

Committee Members: Holger Herburger (GER), Simon Philbrick (GBR)