

DECISION

Protest by RC

Request No.: 06

Event: 49er, 49erFX and Nacra17 European Championships 2021 Race Number: 4
Hearing Schedule: 2021-09-15 19:45

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 06: Race Committee

49erFX - GBR 230 - Megan BRICKWOOD - Megan Brickwood

Witnesses: Yannis Kleidonas, Stephanie Orton (Crew of 230), Hannah Bristow,

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

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Tom Walker (GBR coach) is attending as an observer
Hearsay evidence from GER 369 was available

FACTS FOUND

1. Race nr 4, wind about 7 knots
2. During the starting sequence GBR 230 was sailing close to the pin-end on starboard tack.
3. About 10 seconds before the starting signal GBR 230 was positioned less than boat width from the pin end.
4. GER 369 was sailing to windward of GBR 230 in a distance of one boat width on converging course.
5. There was a contact between the port wing of GER 369 and the starboard wing of GBR 230.
6. GBR 230 drifted and touched the pinend boat approximately 3 seconds before the start.
7. GER 369 took a penalty turn.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 11; 31; 43.1(a)

1. GER 369 to windward failed to keep clear of GBR 230 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. GBR 230 touched pinend mark and broke RRS 31.
3. Since GBR 230 was compelled to break RRS 31 as a consequence of GER 369 breaking RRS 11, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a) for this breach

DECISION

The protest is upheld. No further penalty is imposed.

Date & Time: 2021-09-15 20:32 EEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Yoann Peronneau (FRA)

Committee Members: Ilca Heinrich (GER), Nikoletta Deligianni (GRE)