

DECISION

Request No.: 15

Protest

Event: Nacra 15 Open European Championships 2024 Race Number: 9
Hearing Schedule: 2024-05-02 20:15

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 15: Navra15 - FRA146 - Hanka Libner

Navra15 - HUN217 - Hanna Bogota

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

FACTS FOUND

Wind 18 knots with 1m waves

Two minutes before the warning signal of Race 9, FRA 146 on port, luffed to head to wind and stopped near the committee vessel. There were other boats, also stopped, ahead and astern of FRA 146

HUN 217, reaching on port, was on a converging course with FRA 146. There was no room to pass between the boats.

HUN 217 luffed to above close hauled and slowed, but then accelerated.

There was contact between the bow of HUN 217 and the port side of FRA 146.

There was damage to FRA 146: a 30 cm vertical crack just before the shroud with small holes allowing water to enter the hull. FRA 146 will be able to make temporary repairs and sail on 3rd May FRA 146 sailed in Race 9 and finished 16th. HUN 217 finished 8th

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 11, 14, Preamble to RRS Part 2

,HUN 217 to windward failed to keep clear of FRA 146 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.

HUN 217 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14

It was not reasonably possible for FRA 146 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with HUN 217 when it was clear that HUN 217 was not keeping clear. FRA 146 did not break RRS 14.

The damage was serious.

The incident took place when the boats were not racing, but as the incident resulted in serious damage HUN 217 may be penalised for breaking RRS 14.

DECISION

HUN 217 is DSQ in race 9.

Date & Time: 2024-05-02 20:06 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Fabio Palermi (ITA)

Committee Members: Bruno Tamburini (ITA), Susanne Kuusansalo (FIN), Leo Vekemans (BEL), Gordon Davies (IRL)