

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: Ora Cup Ora 2022 Race Number: 2
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-05

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Optimist - Red fleet - NED 3455 - Maud Van Rooij
Optimist - Red fleet - FRA 2618 - Alizee Chinot

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

JAN WILLEM VAN ROOIJ (coach of NED) attended the hearing as an observer.
FRA did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).

FACTS FOUND

1. The incident occurred in race n 2, after rounding the port mark of the leeward gate.
2. Choppy lake, wind speed 12 knots.
3. NED and FRA were on port close-hauled with FRA 1 m. clear ahead of NED and on the the same course.
4. NED was overlapped with a US boat, 1/2 hull length ahead and 0.1m to windward of ther.
5. FRA luffed till head to wind and immediately after bore away.
6. A collision occurred between the bow of NED and the left aft quarter of FRA before that FRA assumed a close-hauled course.
7. NED had a crack in the hull, and finished the race.
8. No boat took a penalty turn.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 13, RRS 14.

1. After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, FRA failed to keep clear of NED and broke RRS 13.
2. FRA did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for NED, tthe right of way boat, to avoid contact with FRA when it was clear that FRA was not keeping clear. NED did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

FRA 2618 is DSQ in race 2.

Date & Time: 2022-08-05 19:30 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Giulio Piccialli (ITA)

Committee Members: Giorgio Bolla (ITA), Gibi Albrizzi (ITA), Fausto Manenti (ITA), Lucia Ranza (ITA)