

DECISION

Request No.: 08

Protest

Event: 2022 ILCA North American Championships Race Number: 5
Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-02 17:50

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 08: ILCA 6 - Blue - CAN 217312 - Vittecoq Coralie

Ilca 6 - Blue - ITA 218548

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Arbitration Inappropriate - The arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 18 to 20 knots with choppy seas.
2. At 20 seconds to the start, CAN 217312 and ITA 218548 were approaching the starting line to start. Both boats were on starboard tack, with ITA 218548 two boat lengths to leeward.
3. ITA 218548 tacked to port and passed 1.5 metres ahead of CAN 217312.
4. ITA 218548 then tacked back to starboard. When ITA 218548 completed her tack, CAN 217312 was overlapped by 1/3 boat length and 1 metre to leeward.
5. Contact occurred between CAN 217312 and ITA 218548.
6. No boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 11, 14

ITA 218548 to windward failed to keep clear of CAN 217312 and broke rule 11.

ITA 218548 failed to avoid contact with CAN 217312 and broke rule 14.

Once it was clear that ITA 218548 was not keeping clear, it was not reasonably possible for CAN 217312 to avoid contact, and she did not break rule 14.

DECISION

ITA 218548 is disqualified from race 5.

Date & Time: 2022-07-02 18:50 EDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Andrew Alberti (CAN)

Committee Members: Pat Healy (USA), Tom Clarke (BER), Lynne Beal (CAN), Bruce Martinson (USA)