

# DECISION

Request No.: 14

## Protest

Event: 32 St.Nicholas Regatta 2023 Race Number: 8  
Hearing Schedule: 2023-12-10 14:45

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 14: Optimist - Blue - 436 - Lara Hummel  
Optimist - Blue - 1340

### 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

CRO 1340 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).

### FACTS FOUND

1. Wind 10 Kn, waves .5 m
2. SLO 436 inside boat, ITA 9835 middle boat and CRO 1340 as outside boat all overlapped before entering the zone at a gate mark to be left to port
3. All of them were on port tack
4. There was contact between the three boats while rounding the mark
5. There was no damage or injury

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 18.2(b), 14, 43.1, 63.3(b)

CRO 1340, the outside overlapped boat, did not give mark room to SLO 436 and ITA 9835, and broke RRS 18.2.b  
It was not reasonably possible for SLO 436 and ITA 9835, the boats sailing within the mark room to which they were entitled, to avoid contact. SLO 436 and ITA 9835 did not break RRS 14.

### DECISION

CRO 1340 is disqualified and scored with DSQ.

Date & Time:

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Franco Battistin (CRO)

**Committee Members:** Miroslav Bjelajac (CRO), Slobodan Golubovski (SRB)