1. Event Name: 2023 Irish National and Open Optimist Championships

Protest On: 2023-08-17
Race No: 1

## 2. Hearing Type

| $\square$ Protest | $\square$ Request to Reopen |
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| $\square$ Protest by RC | $\square$ Reopening by PC |
| $\square$ Protest by PC | $\square$ Request for Redress |
| $\square$ Protest by TC | $\square$ Request for Redress by RC |

## 3. Protestor

Main - Senior - IRL 1665 - Gemma Brady

## 4. Protestees

1. Main - Senior - IRL 1668 - Rory Whyte

## 5. Incident

Time Place: Start race 1
Rules: 11
Witnesses: 16391575

## 6. Informing Protestee

- Hail:

Hail When: Immediately
Hail Comment: Protest
$\square$ Red Flag:
Red Flag Comment
$\square$ Other:
Other Comment:

## 7. Description Of Incident

About 10-15 secs prior to start, 1668 was windward of 1665 . As the fleet started to accelerate 1668 bore away abruptly and accelerated at a very low angle (to avoid being over?) as I pulled my own sail and pointed up to do my own acceleration. 1668 did not keep clear as windward boat despite my calls « windward boat keep clear ». 1639 was right below me s so o I could not bear way to match 1668 angle and avoid contact. I dropped my sail to attempt avoiding contact but with my momentum it was not avoidable. 1668 eventually pointed up and started. I started behind. I shouted protest.
1639 saw it. 1575 indicated she saw it. We were close to stb end so video may be available. My coach saw it.

## 8. Damage Or Injury

No

## Attachments

