

# DECISION

Protest by TC

Request No.: 05

Event: 2023 J/24 European Championship Race Number: 3  
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-25 17:40

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: Technical Committee

J/24 - GRE 751 - HELLENIC POLICE- E.A.5 - Alexandros TAGAROPOULOS

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required TC informed the protestee about the intention to protest during the protest time limit ashore.

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. The technical committee was represented by Michael Peters.
2. GRE 751 was represented by Alexandros Tagaropoulos.
3. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).

## FACTS FOUND

1. Before race 3, GRE 751 stowed their outboard motor and fuel tank which was secured with elastic bungee that looped onto itself with an open ended carabiner.
2. The conditions during the day were flat water and 3-5 knots.
3. After the completion of race 3, the technical committee conducted an on-water inspection on GRE 751.
4. The technical committee found that the fuel tank was not secured with the bungee, however it was stowed in the correct position. The tank was 4L and approximately half full.
5. All other equipment was correctly stowed and required documents were in order.
6. During the hearing GRE 751, apologised and stated that they did not intend for the fuel tank to be unsecured.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** C.5.1.(b)(1), SI 1.12.

By failing to secure their fuel tank GRE 751 broke class rule C.5.1.(b)(1).

## DECISION

Date & Time: 2023-08-25 18:35 CEST

1. Using the DP Policy a starting penalty of 5% was decided
2. The penalty was decreased because the breach was unintentional, GRE apologised for the error and all other parts of the inspection were passed.
3. There were no circumstances to justify increasing the penalty.
4. The penalty applied to GRE 751 is 2% applied to race 3, calculated to the nearest tenth of a point, (0.05 to be rounded upward).

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Alina Stratigiou (GRE)

**Committee Members:** Zsolt Regenyi (HUN), Will Davies (GBR)

