

# DECISION

Request No.: 08

## Protest

Event: 2022 ILCA 6 Youth World Championships Race Number: 2  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-25

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 08:** Men - U17 - CAN 218323 - Sullivan Nakatsu

Men - U17 - EST 218430 - Karel Ratnik

**Witnesses:** Michelangelo Vecchio ITA 219213

### 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

### FACTS FOUND

1. Wind up to 15 knots, choppy water.
2. CAN 218323, EST 218430 and NOR were sailing downwind towards the gybe mark 4.
3. CAN 218323 and NOR on starboard tack, EST 218430 on port tack.
4. While entering the zone, CAN 218323 was to windward of NOR and clear ahead of EST 218430 with the distance of one boat length between CAN 218323 and EST 218430.
5. At the mark CAN 218323 bore away, gybed and gave mark-room to NOR.
6. EST 218430 sailed in between CAN 218323 and the mark.
7. There was contact without damage between the port bow of CAN 218323 and starboard bow of EST 218430.
8. CAN 218323 and EST 218430 finished the race.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 14, 18.2(b), 43.1(c)

1. EST 218430 clear astern at the time CAN 218323 reached the zone failed to give CAN 218323 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).
2. EST 218430 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. CAN 218323 the boat sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled did not act to avoid contact when it became clear that EST 218430 was not giving mark-room. CAN 218323 broke RRS 14.
4. Since CAN 218323 was sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled and the contact did not cause damage or injury, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(c) for breaking RRS 14.

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2022-07-25 19:38 CDT

EST 218430 is disqualified from race 2 for not giving room after being clear astern when entering the zone.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Elizabeth Rouget (CAN)

**Committee Members:** Bruce Martinson (USA), Anastazja Lewandowska (POL)