

DECISION

Request No.: 14

Protest

Event: SB20 World Championships 2024 Race Number: 10
Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-15 20:10

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 14: Sb20 - Fra 3763 - Skin in the game - Xavier ROHART

Sb20 - 3609

Witnesses: Umpire on water

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 3763 was represented by Xavier Rohart
- 3609 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
- Cxema Pico (member of the international Jury) and member of the panel hearing the case, stated she saw the incident in presence of the party, presented evidence and remained on the panel.

FACTS FOUND

- Approximately 15 seconds before the start, 3763 on starboard tack was clear ahead of 3609 also on starboard tack
- 3609 was sailing faster than 3763, which was almost stationary.
- 5 seconds before the start 3609 made contact with the starboard side of the stern of 3763
- 3763 protested and 3609 did take 1-Turn penalty.
- 3763 presents a three-centimetre crack on the gel coat, exposing some of the fibre.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 12, 14, 63.3(b), 64.2(a).

- 3609 clear astern failed to keep clear of 3763 clear ahead, and broke RRS 12
- 3609 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
- It was not reasonably possible for 3763 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with 3609 when it was clear that 3609 was not keeping clear. 3763 did not break RRS 14.
- By taking a 1-Turn penalty 3609 took an appropriate penalty

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The protest is upheld. Since 3609 took an applicable penalty, she is not further penalized under RRS 64.2(a).

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Gonzalo Heredia (ARG)

Committee Members: Ana Sanchez del Campo Ferrer (ESP), Luiso Ferrandiz (ESP), Gonzalo Heredia (ARG), Cxema Pico (IRL), Luigi Bertini (ITA)

