

# DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 05

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 04

Event: Dublin Bay Mermaid National Championship 2022 Race Number: 6  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-05 17:00

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 05:** 187 - Zuleika - Derek Joyce

119 - 3 Chevrons - Michael Lynch

**Request No.: 04:** 131 - Wild Wind - Paddy Dillon

187 - Zuleika - Derek Joyce

**Witnesses:** Raymond McGibney (Race Committee and Protest Committee)

**Interpreters:** Not required

## 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 speed approximately 12 kts. Sea state flat.
2. 131, 187 and 119 were all on starboard tack, running towards a leeward mark. 131 was the leeward boat. 187 was in the middle. 119 was the windward boat.
3. The three boats were overlapped for some time and less than 1 boat length apart, sailing the same course.
4. The three boats were going to pass the Race Committee boat (Not a mark on the course at that time) on their starboard sides.
5. At approximately 2 boat lengths from the Race Committee boat, 131 hailed 187 twice for room to pass the Race Committee boat.
6. 187, in turn, hailed 119 for room for 131.
7. 119 did not change course.
8. There was contact between 131's port gunwhale and 187's starboard gunwhale. There was no damage.
9. No boat took a penalty.

**Diagram:** No Diagram Needed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 14, 19.2(b)

1. 119 did not give room to 187 to comply with her obligation to give room to 131. 119 broke RRS 19.2(b)
2. 187 did not give room to 131. 187 broke RRS 19.2(b) and RRS 14 but is exonerated under RRS 43.1
3. 131 broke RRS 14 but is exonerated under RRS 43.1

## DECISION

119 is to be scored DSQ in race 6.

**Date & Time:** 2022-08-05 17:30 IST

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Emmet Dalton (IRL)

**Committee Members:** Raymond McGibney, Jim Whelan

