DECISION Request No.: 08

## **Protest**

Event: The Crown Cup - RS Feva Europeans Race Number: 5

Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-27 19:00

# **PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

Request No.: 08: RS Feva - EST 8088 - Pärtel Orusalu

RS Feva - ITA 7891 - Diego Severi

Witnesses: Jente Goossens, Simoni Davide, Leonardo Scarpellini, Siddharta Pasqualini, Fontanot

Andrea

Interpreters: Chiara Degliangioli

### **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

1. Chiara Degliangioli (coach of ITA 7891) attended the hearing as translator for ITA 7891.

2. Kaito Haamer (helm of EST 8088) attended the hearing as an observer.

## **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. Conditions: 8 knots, flat water.
- 2. Boats approaching mark 2s, sailing downwind.
- 3. When entering the zone, ITA 7891 was inside overlapped with EST 8088 and an unidentified boat (UB).
- 4. ITA 7891 was on port, EST 8088 and UB were on starboard.
- 5. EST 8088, broke the overlap and rounded the mark in front of ITA 7891 and UB.
- 6. UB was sailing directly towards the mark and leaving less than 0.5 metres between her and mark 2s.
- 7. When ITA 7891 was 0.5 boat length from the mark and from the UB, ITA 7891 bore away and hit mark 2s, leaving the mark on her port side.
- 8. UB rounded the mark.
- 9. ITA 7891 gybed on to starboard and than tacked.
- 10. ITA 7891 rounded the mark.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: RRS 18.2(b), 31, 43.1(b)

- 1. The unidentified boat, outside overlapped at the zone, failed to give ITA 7891 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).
- 2. ITA 7891 was compelled to touch the mark by the actions of the unidentified boat who failed to give mark room.
- 3. Since ITA 7891 broke RRS 31 while she was sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.
- 4. Since the unidentified is not a party to the hearing, therefore she will not be penalized according to RRS 64.2.

**Date & Time:** 2022-08-27 19:52 CEST

Protest upheld. ITA 7891 is exonerated for her breach of RRS 31. No further penalty.

PROTEST COMMITTEE
Chaired By: Václav Brabec (CZE)
Committee Members: Jernej Krampersek (SLO), Will Davies (GBR), Niclas Kath ()

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