

DECISION

Protest by PC

Request No.: 09

Event: 2021 EUROSAF Platu25 European Championship Race Number: 8
Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-09 17:30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 09: Protest Committee

Platu 25 - UKR 1727, UKR 346 - Rocket Team, Alberta

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Beyond with Good Reason The International jury lodged the protest immediately after learning of serious damage during hearings 7 and 8.

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The protest committee proceed under RRS 60.3(a)(1).

Stavros Kouris, member of the international jury was a witness to the incident

George Pachi, member of the international jury was present at the hearing as a translator for both parties

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind conditions around 17 knots, choppy waves up to 2m
2. UKR 346 was sailing upwind on a close hauled course on starboard tack
3. UKR 1727 was sailing downwind on port tack on a converging course with UKR 346.
4. When UKR 346 passed behind the transom of UKR 1727 the distance between the boats was 4m.
5. The backstay of UKR 1727 was entangled with the top of the mast of UKR 346.
6. UKR 1727 totally dismasted, ripped the luff of her mainsail, 30 cm long and broke her backstay.
7. UKR 346 broke her mast at the second cross and ripped the luff of the mainsail, 15cm long and broke her backstay.
8. Both boats did not finish the race.
9. Both boats did not race in the next race.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14, 62.2(b)

1. UKR 1727 on port failed to keep clear of UKR 346 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. UKR 1727 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for UKR 346, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with UKR 1727 when it was clear that UKR 1727 was not keeping clear. UKR 346 did not break RRS 14.
4. UKR 1727 by retiring from race 8, took the applicable penalty.
5. UKR 346's score in races 8 and 9 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by physical damage because of the action of UKR 1727 that was breaking RRS 10 and took an appropriate penalty.

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Date & Time: 2021-10-09 18:08 EEST

1. Protest upheld. UKR 1727 took the applicable penalty and is not further penalized.
2. Redress is given to UKR 346. UKR 346 is to be scored in races 8 and 9 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all races sailed

before the last scheduled day of the regatta (1 - 7).

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR)

Committee Members: Stavros Kouris (GRE), Delbart Bernadette (FRA), Patricia Neri (GBR), Olha Balabukha (UKR)

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