

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: WASZP European Championship Race Number: 8
Hearing Schedule: 2021-08-14 13:40

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Junior - Ireland 2987 - Charles Cullen
Youth - United Kingdom 2699 - Arthur Fry
Witnesses: William Davies (Jury)

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 was approximately 20 knots, moderate sea state, foiling conditions.
2. IRL rounded the windward gate to be passed to port. GBR was sailing close hauled on approach to the windward gate. GBR was in-between the lay lines of both marks.
3. IRL was sailing downwind on starboard at 20 knots on collision course with GBR on port sailing at 15 knots.
4. After rounding the mark IRL got a gust and bore away with a course that would pass ahead of GBR.
5. GBR was in the same gust and also sped up. This created a collision course between GBR and IRL.
6. When a collision course became clear IRL eased her mainsheet to luff up. GBR attempted to avoid a collision by bearing away.
7. GBR's helm made contact with the foot of IRL's main sail. There was a 0.5 meter rip in the sail causing IRL to retire from race 8.
8. No boat took a penalty.
9. GBR finished race 8.
10. IRL DNC in race 9 because she was towed to the shore to change the mainsail.
11. IRL sailed in all remaining races on 14/08/2021.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10. RRS 62.1 (b). RRS A9.

1. GBR on port failed to keep clear of IRL on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. GBR did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for IRL, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with GBR when it was clear that GBR was not keeping clear. IRL did not break RRS 14.
4. IRL's score in race 8 and race 9 of the European championship series was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by physical damage because of the action of GBR that was breaking RRS 10 and is disqualified from race 8.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2021-08-14 14:31 UTC

1. GBR is DSQ in race 8.
2. IRL's request for redress is granted. IRL is to be scored in races 1-7 and 10-11 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 except races 8 and 9. This shall not change the score of the other boats.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Václav Brabec (CZE)

Committee Members: Will Davies (GBR)

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