

# DECISION

Request for Redress

Request No.: 15

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 14

Event: European Championship A-Class Race Number: 7  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-09-15 10:00

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 15:** A CAT - open - ITA 969 - Giovanni FANTASIA Fantasia

Race Committee

**Request No.: 14:** A CAT - open - ESP 75 - Toni Ballester MARTINAVARRO

Race Committee

**Witnesses:** Jury

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Initiator of case 14 initially failed to identify himself on the protest form, but was including his own e-mail address, and was correctly identifying himself before the hearing started as required by RRS 61.2

## FACTS FOUND

1. Sailing Instruction 13 defined the finish line to be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.
2. During race 7 the GPS anchor (electrical motor) of the RC white boat that was designated to be the starboard end of the finish line had a failure
3. The Race Committee replaced the boat with a Rib that was in position flying the blue flag before the first finisher
4. The blue flag was moved from the staff on the RC boat to the Rib on a staff in front of the console, and was flying at a height between 1.0m and 1.5m from the water surface.
5. The previous finish committee boat initially moved away, but was back in the surroundings of the new finish RC boat to the starboard of it for about one minute.
6. ITA 969 and ESP 75 approaching the finish line sailed between the rib displaying the blue flag, leaving it to port, and the previous RC boat, leaving it on starboard.
7. While ITA 969 was approaching the line there was a boat capsized in the middle of the line
8. Both ITA 969 and ESP 75 were sailing on starboard at a speed of about 20 knots.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 62.1(a), SI 13

There was neither an improper action nor omission of the race committee. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a) are not met.

## DECISION

Redress is not given.

**Date & Time:** 2022-09-15 10:30 CEST

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Walter D'Auria (ITA)

**Committee Members:** Claudio Uras (ITA), Michael Butterfield (GBR), Pierluigi De Luise (CRO), Uros Zvan (SLO)