

DECISION

Request No.: 01

Protest

Event: Beneteau 31.7 National Championships 2022 Race Number: Race no. 1 on 12/08/22
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-12 16:30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: 31.7 - IRL 7317 - Attitude - John Sugars

31.7 - IRL2970 - Karnagh - Eoin O'Driscall

Witnesses: George Misstear

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit PTL 1638 received
1542.

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed Hail heard

Red Flag Displayed: Yes Seen

Decision: Request Valid Yes.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. Weather was approx 6kts, 060, very slight sea state
2. Both boats were half way down the run. Distance apart half boatlength
3. Both boats making 3-4kts under spinnaker.
4. Both boats on starboard gybe
5. Karnagh was half boatlength to starboard to Attitude and therefore to weather.
6. Karnagh commenced a gybe onto port.
7. Attitude immediately hailed starboard.
8. Attitude identified a risk of collision early on in Karnagh's gybe sequence and was too close to go behind Karnagh. Attitude did not bear away/gybe to avoid collision.
9. There were no other vessels or obstructions preventing Attitude from taking avoiding action.
10. Attitude made contact with Karnagh at the port quarter.

Diagram: No Diagram Needed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 11, 14

1. Karnagh to windward was the give way boat prior to the incident.
2. Upon gybing, Karnagh on port gybe failed to keep clear of Attitude on starboard, and broke RRS 10
3. Attitude did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

DECISION

Karnagh is DSQ in race 1.
Attitude is DSQ in race 1.

Date & Time: 2022-08-12 17:10 IST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Derek Moynan (IRL)

Committee Members: Ian Venner (IRL) Andy Hamilton

