

# DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 02

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 01

Event: RS500 World Championship 2022 Race Number: 2  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-01 17:30

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: RS500 - ITA 1604 - Iacopo Roncuzzi

RS500 - GBR 625 - Tim Wilkins

Request No.: 01: RS500 - GBR 625 - Tim Wilkins

RS500 - ITA 1604 - Iacopo Roncuzzi

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Protest returned from arbitration for a hearing. The arbitrator decided that arbitration is not appropriate.
2. Hearing No. 1 was heard together with Hearing No. 2 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.
3. GBR 625 was represented by Tim Wilkins.
4. ITA 1604 was represented by Iacopo Roncuzzi.
5. The hearing was heard with a panel of three members in accordance with RRS N1.4.
6. Holger Herburger, chairman of the panel, had to leave the panel during the hearing because of an emergency and was substituted by David Battye.

## FACTS FOUND

1. Wind conditions were 11 knots, slight sea state.
2. GBR 625 was on starboard tack sailing on a close hauled course 4 lengths below the starting line.
3. ITA 1604 was on starboard tack, 2 lengths from the starting line sailing below a close hauled course and overlapped to windward of GBR 625.
4. The boats were on converging courses.
5. 15 seconds later contact occurred between the forestay of GBR 625 and the boom of ITA 1604.
6. Both boats remained entangled for 10 seconds and the starboard side of ITA 1604's boom sustained minor scratches.
7. Neither boat took a penalty.
8. Both boats finished the race.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 11, 14

1. ITA 1604 to windward failed to keep clear of GBR 625 to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. ITA 1604 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for GBR 625, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with ITA 1604 when it was clear that ITA 1604 was not keeping clear. GBR 625 did not break RRS 14.

**DECISION**

**Date & Time:** 2022-08-01 18:32 IST

ITA 1604 is DSQ in Race #2

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Chaired By:** Holger Herburger (GER)

**Committee Members:** Stavros Kouris (GRE), David Battye (GBR), Will Davies (GBR)

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