

# DECISION

Request Number: 06

## Protest

Event: Micro Class World Championships Race Number: 6

Hearing Date: 2019-08-22

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** MICRO - racer - FRA 41708 - Stephan Kreis

**Respondent(s):** MICRO - racer - LAT 311 - Nikita Lakstigala

### 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

Member of the jury was not available because of illness and no qualified replacement was available.

The International jury remained properly constituted with 4 members, including 2 International judges under rule N1.5.

### FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was about 4 knots and flat water.
2. Boats were approaching mark 2P which should be passed to port.
3. FRA on port entered the zone clear ahead of LAT on port.
4. FRA slowed down while rounding the mark.
5. LAT overtook the FRA and get overlapped inside and to windward of FRA.
6. Contact occurred between midship of FRA and bow of LAT causing scratches in gelcoat of FRA.
7. No boat took a penalty.
8. After the incident, the race was abandoned.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. LAT, the windward overlapped boat, failed to keep clear of FRA breaking RRS 11 and 14.
2. LAT, clear astern at the time fra reached the zone, failed to give fra mark-room, as required by RRS 18.2(b)
3. It was not reasonably possible for FRA to avoid contact and did not break RRS 14.
4. RRS 36(b) applied as the race was abandoned.

### DECISION

Protest upheld. No further penalty to LAT.

**Date & Time:** 2019-08-22 20:24 CEST

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Dusan Vanicky (SVK)

**Committee Members:** Michael Short (GBR), Václav Brabec (CZE), Natalia Ruwinska (POL)

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