

DECISION

Request No.: 05

Protest

Event: 20th Euromed International Championship **Race Number:** 12

Hearing Date: 2019-12-22

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: Optimist Senior - Senior - MLT 720 - Thomas Zahra
Optimist Senior - Senior - CZE 809 - Kristýna Eva Flosmanová

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed The race committee was also informed immediately after MLT 720 had finished.

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Bojan Gale acted as an observer during the hearing.
2. CZE 809 was not present at the hearing and the hearing proceeded under RRS 63.3(b).

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 8 m/s.
2. MLT 720 was sailing close-hauled on starboard tack.
3. CZE 809 was sailing close-hauled on port tack.
4. MLT 720 and CZE 809 were on converging courses.
5. When CZE 809 passed in front of MLT 720, CZE 809 luffed and passed head to wind.
6. Before CZE 809 was on a close-hauled course, MLT 720 luffed and became overlapped to windward of CZE 809.
7. The smallest distance between the boats was 20 cm.
8. Had MLT 720 not luffed, the bow of MLT 720 would have hit the stern of CZE 809.
9. No boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, CZE 809 failed to keep clear of MLT 720, and broke RRS 13.

DECISION

CZE 809 is DSQ in race 12.

Date & Time: 2019-12-22 14:21 CET

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Neven Baran (CRO)

Committee Members: Oleg Ilin (RUS), Line Juhl (DEN), Timo Haß (GER), Giorgio Davanzo (ITA)

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