## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Protest Committee
Optimist - ITA7172 - Giacomo Sponza
Witnesses: Marko Kete (protest committee)

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VALIDITY
    Objection to Jury: No
    Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit
    Incident Identified: Yes
    Proper Hail: Hail not required Protest by PC, boat informed by the notice on notice
                        board
Red Flag Displayed: Not required
DECISION: Request Valid
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## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Protest hearing for the boat ITA 7172 was scheduled to begin right after hearing of previous protest. Hearing took place approximately at 15:50. Protestee not present ad the hearing.
Protest committee proceeded as instructed by the rule 63.3 b.

## FACTS FOUND

At the moment of stat signal, boat ITA 7172 was sailing at the starting line towards pin end.
At the end of starting line boat ITA 7172 did not fetch windward side of starting mark.
Boat touched starting mark on the windward side with a bow, port side of the hull and sail, stayed in touch with it for approximately for 15 seconds, and left it with a stern.
After touching starting mark boat ITA 7172 continued sailing the course without taking penalty.
Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. Boat ITA 7172 touched pin end starting mark and broke RRS 31.
2. By knowingly breaking a rule 31 and not taking the appropriate penalty, ITA 7172 failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play, and broke RRS 2.
