DECISION Request No.: 04

#### **Protest**

Event: 32 St.Nicholas Regatta 2023 Race Number: 2

Hearing Schedule: 2023-12-08 15:50

## **PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

Request No.: 04: Optimist - Yellow - ITA 97 - Leandro Scialpi

Optimist - Yellow - ITA 9827 - Andrea Demurtas

## **VALIDITY**

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed Red Flag Displayed: Not required

**Decision:** Request Valid

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Marco Giangrande (coach of 9827) attended the meeting as an observer

# **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. Start of 2nd race
- 2. Wind 6 knots
- 3. 10 seconds before the start, both boats on starboard, ITA 97 clear ahead of ITA 9827
- 4. ITA 9827 sped up and hit the stern of ITA 97 with its bow
- 5. No boat took a penalty
- 6. There was no damage or injury

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: 12, 14

- 1. ITA 9827 clear astern failed to keep clear of ITA 97 clear ahead, and broke RRS 12.
- 2. ITA 9827 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
- 3. It was not reasonably possible for ITA 97, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with ITA 9827 when it was clear that ITA 9827 was not keeping clear. ITA 97 did not break RRS 14.

# **DECISION**

ITA 9827 is DSQ in race 2

# PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type International Jury Chaired By: Slobodan Golubovski (SRB)

Committee Members: Franco Battistin (CRO), Miroslav Bjelajac (CRO), Michal Zak (CZE), Graham Louth (GBR)

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