

DECISION

Request Number: 13

Protest

Event: 29er World Championship **Race Number:** 7

Hearing Date: 2016-07-27

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: NED1518 Ties Verploegh

Respondent(s): USA1265 Hannah Steadman

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

FACTS FOUND

1. On the first windward leg with wind between 15 and 18 knots USA 1265 and NED 1518 were sailing on port tack with USA 1265 3 boat lengths ahead and to leeward of NED 1518
2. USA 1265 tacked to starboard and after getting on to close hauled course, lost control of the boat and heeled excessively to leeward.
3. NED 1518 started to bear away but there was a contact with damage between the mast head of USA 1265 and the mainsail of NED 1518

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. The equipment of USA 1265 was unexpectedly out of normal position, therefore NED 1518 did not break rule 10 (see World Sailing case 77)
2. USA 1265 broke rule 14 by not avoiding contact.
3. It was not reasonably possible for NED 1518 to avoid contact therefore she did not break rule 14.

DECISION

Protest Upheld

USA 1265 DSQ from race 7

Date & Time: 2016-07-27 17:59 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Bence Borocz (HUN)

Committee Members: Claudio Uras (ITA), Sylvie Harle (FRA), Thomas Kresse (NOR), Paul Zupan (USA)

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