

DECISION

Request Number: 15

Protest

Event: 29er World Championship Race Number: 9

Hearing Date: 2016-07-27

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: FIN2031 Markus Ihamuotila

Respondent(s): FRA2361 Théo Revil

Witnesses: GER2246 Fenja Valentien

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 second leeward leg approaching the final mark, FIN 2031 and FRA 2361 were sailing on starboard with FIN 2031 ahead a few boat lengths of FRA 2361 and to windward
2. FIN 2031 entered the zone clear ahead of FRA 2361 and then jybed to port.
3. FRA 2031 continued to sail on starboard towards the mark on the port layline
4. FRA 2361 gybed at about one boat length from the mark and to windward of FIN 2031
5. While rounding the mark FIN 2031 luffed and there was a collision between the jennaker of FRA 2361 and the crew of FIN 2031 that caused the crew to fall overboard.
6. This resulted in damage to the bungee cord of the trapeze on FIN 2031.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

FRA 2361 failed to give mark room to FIN 2031 and broke RRS 18.2(b)
FRA 2361 failed to keep clear of FIN 2031 and broke RRS 11.
FRA 2361 also broke RRS 14 by not avoiding contact
FIN 2031 failed to avoid contact that resulted in damage and broke RRS 14.
The damage was not by no fault of FIN 2031.

DECISION

Protest Upheld

FRA 2361 DSQ from race 9.
FIN 2031 DSQ from race 9.
Redress denied

Date & Time: 2016-07-27 19:18 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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