

DECISION

Request No.: 10

Protest

Event: RS Feva World Championship 2022 Race Number: 6
Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-24 15:20

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 10: RS Feva - DEN 2507 - Victoria Madsen

RS Feva - GBR 6494 - Eliana Edwards

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

The panel is constituted according to N1.4(b).

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind speed was 23 knots at the start of race no. 6.
2. DEN 2507 was sailing on a close-hauled course on starboard tack approaching the starting line to start.
3. GBR 6494 was not racing.
3. GBR 6494 was sailing on a close-hauled course on port tack.
5. GBR 6494 luffed, but before she reached close-hauled on starboard tack, there was contact between the hulls on the starboard side of GBR 6494 and the port side of DEN 2507 at the bows.
6. The contact caused a 10 cm long scratch with indentation on the port side of DEN 2507.
7. The scratch did not impact the speed performance of DEN 2507.
7. GBR 6494 competed in her next race.
8. No boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: Preamble Part2, 10, 14, 44.1(b)

1. The damage was serious.
2. Since GBR 6494 was not racing but was sailing in or near the racing area and intended to race, and the incident caused serious damage, the preamble to RRS Part 2 applies.
3. GBR 6494 on port failed to keep clear of DEN 2507 on starboard, and broke RRS 10
4. GBR 6494 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
5. It was not reasonably possible for DEN 2507, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with GBR 6494 when it was clear that GBR 6494 was not keeping clear. DEN 2507 did not break RRS 14.
6. Since GBR 6494 caused serious damage by her breach, her penalty was to retire as required by RRS 44.1(b).

DECISION

GBR 6494 is disqualified in race 6.

Date & Time: 2022-07-24 17:42 IST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Enrica Mameli (GBR)

Committee Members: Chris Atkins (GBR), Holger Herburger (GER) || Note: Enrica Mameli nationality is ITA not GBR