

DECISION

Request No.: 03

Protest

Event: 22nd Mapfre Euromed International Championship Race Number: 4
Hearing Schedule: 2022-12-19 16:50

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: Optimist - Novices - MLT213 - Mattea Bowman

Optimist - Novices - MLT208

Witnesses: MLT215

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Catriona Warburton (Coach of MLT 213) attended the hearing as observer.

FACTS FOUND

1. The conditions at the time of the incident were 8-10 knots of wind and choppy waves
2. On the second upwind of race 4, MLT 213 was sailing on starboard on a collision course with MLT 208 on port tack.
3. If MLT 213 had kept her course, contact would have occurred between MLT 213's bow and midships of the hull of MLT 208.
4. At a distance of approximately 0,5 m from MLT 213, MLT 208 passed head to wind to starboard tack.
5. At the same time, MLT 213 luffed.
6. Immediately thereafter, contact occurred between the port side of MLT 213's bow and aft quarter of the starboard side of 208's hull.
7. No damage or injury occurred.
8. Approximately 2 minutes after the incident, MLT 208 took a Two-turns penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 13, 14, 44.2

1. After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, MLT 208 failed to keep clear of MLT 213. MLT 208 broke RRS 13.
2. MLT 208 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. By delaying her penalty turns by 2 minutes after getting well clear of other boats after the incident, MLT 208 failed to comply with the requirements of RRS 44.2.
4. It was not reasonably possible for MLT 213, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with MLT 208 when it was clear that MLT 208 was not keeping clear. MLT 213 did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

MLT 208 is DSQ in race 4.

Date & Time: 2022-12-19 17:23 CET

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Giorgio Davanzo (ITA)

Committee Members: Manuel Ken Gamito (POR), Craig Evans (GBR), Bo Samuelsson (SWE), Finn Mrugalla (GER)

