

DECISION

Request No.: 13

Protest

Event: 2022 Winter Regatta Race Number: 3
Hearing Schedule: 2022-12-11 15:50

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 13: 420 - Lady - ITA 56893 - Aurora Aquila
420 - Lady - FRA 56217 - Louise Metenier

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

FACTS FOUND

1. The incident occurred on the first windward leg of race 3.
2. Wind 12kts, waves 0.5m.
3. ITA 56893 close-hauled on starboard tack and FRA 56217 close-hauled on port tack, on collision courses.
4. ITA 56893 hailed "starboard tack" to FRA 56217 several times when the boats were about 3 hull-lengths away.
5. When FRA 56217 was about 1 m away from ITA, FRA tacked to leeward of ITA 56893 and at the same time ITA luffed.
6. A contact with damage occurred between the right corner of FRA's stern and the left side of ITA, between the mast and the bow.
7. No boat took penalty-turns, both boats finished race 3.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 13, RRS 14

1. After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, FRA 56217 failed to keep clear of ITA 56893 and broke RRS 13.
2. FRA 56217 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for ITA 56893, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with FRA 56217 when it was clear that FRA 56217 was not keeping clear and did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

FRA 56217 is DSQ in race n°3

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PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jean-Miltiade Bouyoukas (FRA)

Committee Members: Alessandro Pezzoli (ITA), Giorgio Bolla (ITA), Paola Misurale (ITA), Piero Occhetto (ITA), Lucia Ranza (ITA)