

DECISION

Request Number: 01

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: RS500 World Championships Race Number: 3

Hearing Date: 2019-08-05

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: RS 500 - CZE 727 - Patrik Škvařil

Respondent(s): RS 500 - FRA 1039 - David Jones

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Lukas Vavrla, the jury member announced, he witnessed the incident and he is ready to give evidence.

FACTS FOUND

In race #3, CZE 727 was capsized below the leeward gate marks at the end of the last downwind leg, less than 100m from the finish.

FRA 1039 was approaching the gate marks on starboard gybe and was aware of the capsized boat.

FRA 1039 gybed onto port and lost control, the helmsman falling overboard.

There was contact between the boats resulting in minor damage to both boats (a dent in the hull of CZE 727 and damage to the bowsprit of FRA 1039).

FRA 1039 finished the race but retired after finishing.

CZE 727 did not finish, choosing to retire and return ashore.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

RRS 23. FRA 1039 did not avoid the capsized CZE 727 although it was reasonably possible for her to do so, breaking RRS23.

RRS 62.1. The damage to CZE 727 did not prevent her from continuing to the finish. Her score was not made significantly worse through no fault of her own.

RRS 64.1(b). FRA 1039 took an appropriate penalty for her breach of RRS 23 by retiring from the race

DECISION

FRA1039 - No further penalty.

CZE727 - redress is not given.

Date & Time: 2019-08-05 17:50 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Dusan Vanicky (SVK)

Committee Members: Guido Piessens (BEL), Michael Short (GBR), Lukas Vavrla (CZE), Katerina Nedbalcova (CZE)

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