

DECISION

Request No.: 03

Protest by PC

Event: 2019 'PUERTO SHERRY' TECHNO 293 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Race Number: 1

Hearing Date: 2019-10-30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: Protest Committee

YOUTH BOY (U17) - LAT 401 - Arturs Sprindzuks

YOUTH BOY (U17) - ESP 500 - Alejandro Conde Ruiz-Rico

Witnesses: Francisco Jose Galidda

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Beyond Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Jury was informed about possible serious damage caused to ESP 500 by collision at the start of the 1th race of the yellow fleet by LAT 401 sailing in the blue fleet.

Jury informed the parties and initiated the protest hearing. Both parties took part on it.

At initial investigation the parties agreed that the collision at the start of R1 occurred and resulted in a hole on the bottom of the sail of the ESP 500 of a size of 1m.

Before the collision the sail had on another place of the bottom a smaller hole of 30 cm repaired by a tape.

FACTS FOUND

After the preparatory signal for the yellow fleet and before the warning signal of the blue fleet, 10 meters under the the starting line of the 1th race, of the yellow fleet. Wind of 8 knots, waves of 0,7m.

ESP 500 approaching the starting line to start, close hold on the Starboard, collided with LAT 401 on Port tack.

Bow of the LAT 401 hit the port side of the sail of ESP 500 causing a tear of 0,7 m length in the bottom of the sail of ESP 500.

LAT 401 capsized. ESP 500 stopped racing, left the sail in the water, being upset from the damage. Later sailed up to the 1th mark but stopped racing, because he was too slow.

At a half board length from contact ESP 500 realized that the contact is going to occur.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

It was not reasonably possible for ESP 500 to avoid the collision from the time, when it realized that LAT 401 is not keeping clear.

1. LAT 401 on port failed to keep clear of ESP 500 on starboard, as required by RRS 10
2. Although it was reasonably possible LAT 401 did not avoid contact with ESP 500 as required by RRS 14.
3. LAT 401, not racing, interfered with ESP 500 racing, breaking RRS 24.1

DECISION

Protest Upheld.

LAT 401 is DSQ in R1

Redress Granted as per Redress policy.

Date & Time: 2019-10-30 13:40 CET

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Pablo Macias (ESP)

Committee Members: Walter Stemberger (CRO), Jordi Lamarca-Sindreu (ESP), Bruno Marques (BRA), Michael Short (GBR), Dusan Vanicky (SVK)