

# DECISION

Request Number: 06

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: RS500 World Championships Race Number: 4

Hearing Date: 2019-08-06

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** RS 500 - CZE 619 - Eva Matoušková

**Respondent(s):** RS 500 - NED 1074 - Maarten Berendschot

**Witnesses:** CZE 535, Blanka Maršálková, called by CZE 619

## 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

NED 1074 did not attend the hearing which proceeded under rule 63.3(b).

## FACTS FOUND

20 seconds before the start of race 4 CZE619 and CZE535 were nearly stopped, overlapped less than a boat width apart on starboard tack, with their sails flapping (boom close to shroud) with 535

to leeward and half a length forward, with other boats an unknown distance to windward.

NED sailed into the gap and after three seconds made contact first with CZE535 and then with CZE619, without damage or injury.

CZE 619 was pushed head to wind and took 20 seconds to recover by which time the majority of the fleet had started.

NED registered taking a one turn penalty after racing. The other boats did not see this turn taken.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

In a single incident, NED broke rule 11 with respect to CZE535 and 16.1 with respect to CZE619. NED took the appropriate penalty.

It is not clearly established that the principles of sportsmanship and fair play were violated by the action of NED.

## DECISION

No further penalty to NED  
Redress not given to CZE619

**Date & Time:** 2019-08-06 19:00 CEST

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Guido Piessens (BEL)

**Committee Members:** Dusan Vanicky (SVK), Michael Short (GBR), Lukas Vavrla (CZE), Katerina Nedbalcova (CZE)

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