

Protest and Rule 69 : Team leaders agression

Protest No: 03

Received At: 2021-08-08 10:53 CEST

1. Event Name: ORA CUP ORA 2021

Protest On: 2021-08-07

Race No: Before 4

2. Hearing Type

Protest

Protest by RC

Protest by PC

Protest by TC

Request to Reopen

Reopening by PC

Request for Redress

Request for Redress by RC

3. Protestor

Optimist - Team leader - Fran Jarry

4. Protestees

1. Optimist - ITA 9352 - Gaia De cristofaro

5. Incident

Time Place: Circolo di Vela di Arco

Rules: 69

Witnesses: julien.lc.vidal@gmail.com

6. Informing Protestee

Hail:

Hail When: During the incident

Hail Comment:

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment

Other:

Other Comment:

7. Description Of Incident

To whom it may concern,

We would like to report the unacceptable and very aggressive behavior of Gaia de Cristofaro, skipper of the Optimist ITA9352.

The events took place Saturday 7th of August 2021, second day of Ora Cup organized by Circolo de Vela Arco.

Action started after that the CVA organisation asked her and few other Italian and Spanish kids to move back to the official boats parking area as they cheated the queue bypassing the only authorized path.

She then found herself at the end of the parking area, along the space defined for the French and Austrian Team.

Straight on, with 3 other Italian kids, and helped by one mother, they started to move some boats, drive on bags and covers, hitting other boats here and there in order to again bypass the queue and get closer to the gate.

3 times, some French Team Leaders went to them to ask them to calm down and not touch other's boats.

After Delta signal, Gaia de Cristofaro started to lose her nerves and pushed her boat very aggressively towards young skippers and hit strongly one Austrian boat.

Few kids asked her to calm down and she became totally hysterical, using her boat as a weapon towards other kids and Team Leaders helping young kids, while she was again trying to force her way through the lines reserved for French and Austrian kids.

During all that time, Gaia de Cristofaro was vociferating in Italian and it was impossible to establish any normal contact with her.

Following the gravity of these facts, and considering the recommendations given by the World Sailing Association under article 69.1 and the fact she was warned few times, we unfortunately see no other solution than to bring it to your attention with all possible consequences.

8. Damage Or Injury

Attachments