DECISION

Protest

Event: 9° Trofeo Halloween Cup Race Number: 3 Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-30 18:40

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Optimist - Green - 9317 - Axel Smotlak

OPTIMIST - JUNIORES - GER 1543 - Müller Marius

Interpreters: Barbara Boehm, employee at the club restaurant, performed as German-Italian translator for both the parties.

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

- 1. GER was not present when the hearing began at the scheduled time (18:40); the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
- 2. GER arrived at 18:52, during the hearing.
- 3. Reason for GER's delay: for the event the boat is parked at CV Arco where the competitor was when he realized to be protested; as soon as possibile he arranged to come to CV Torbole.
- 4. The PC is satisfied that the delay is consistent with the necessary time for driving from CV Arco to CV Torbole.
- 5. Sandi Decleva, coach of ITA, attended the hearing as an observer.
- 6. The father of Müller Marius (GER 1543) attended the hearing as an observer.

FACTS FOUND

- 1. 1st windward leg, race 3.
- 2. Choppy sea. 10 knots of wind speed.
- 3. ITA was sailing close-hauled on staboard tack 2 hull lenghts away from GER close-hauled on port, on collision courses.
- 4. When approximately 1/2 hull lenght away from GER, ITA tacked and became overlapped less than 1/2 hull lenght to leeward of GER.
- 5. GER held her course.
- 6. No damage. No boat took a penalty turn.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10.

1. GER 1543 on port failed to keep clear of ITA 9317 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.

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