

Request for Redress

Protest No: 07

Received At: 2021-10-30 23:06 BST

1. Event Name: IS Youth National Championships 2021

Protest On: 2021-10-30

Race No: 2

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

29er - IRL 3169 - Nathan van Steenberge

4. Protestees

1. 29er - IRL 3169 - Nathan van Steenberge

5. Incident

Time Place: 29/10/21, Race 2, Course C, mark 1

Rules: 62.1

Witnesses: Chiara Carra, Andrew Conan

6. Informing Protestee

Hail:

Hail When:

Hail Comment:

Red Flag:

Red Flag Comment

Other:

Other Comment: n/a

7. Description Of Incident

Per rule 62.1 we are requesting a redress for an incident that occurred on the 29th October at Mark 1 on Course C of Race 2. Our position at the time was third.

While hoisting, the halyard went through the bobble at the head of the kite and threaded through the mast which resulted in the kite dropping suddenly. It then dragged under the boat becoming wrapped round the dagger board, bringing the boat to a halt.

It is not possible for this to occur as the usual knot used, as a stopper for the halyard is a barrel knot. The bobble as aforementioned covers this barrel knot. This cannot become undone by accident on the water, it must be undone by hand, sometimes with tools. When we checked the halyard, immediately after, there was an overhand knot. It is not possible for a barrel knot to become undone into an overhand knot.

Further to this, the original barrel knot is one that is tied when the boat is first purchased and there is no requirement for it to be changed in any circumstances. In the present context, the boat was purchased before world's and this knot was used for the entirety of the championship. It has also been used at multiple trainings and championships since then. The presence of this overhand knot, which is evidently not the original one used, points to the fact the boat was tampered with before the day of racing. The boat was masted by 10:30 the night previously.

Due to the positioning of the kite it was impossible for us to distangle it without assistance and as a result we had to retire and request the assistance of a support boat. They then recommended we de-mast and receive a tow-in to sort the problem out as it would not have been possible to achieve this on the water.

We decided to remain out. With the help of the support boat from the ISA, we rigged a temporary kite system which we used for the rest of the day. This took 4 of us to achieve.

We are requesting this redress as a matter of fairness. Due to this incident it has made our score significantly worse. As can be seen from our results we are strong contenders and this occurrence has severely impacted our ability to perform to our highest potential through no fault of our own.

8. Damage Or Injury

Halyard threaded through mast due to the absence of the original knot.

Attachments