DECISION Request No.: 03

Protest, Reopening by PC, and Request for Redress

Event: Waszp Games 2022 Race Number: 1 Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-13 18:00

### **PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

Request No.: 03: Waszp - Large Sail 8.2 - Youth - FRA 2405 - CN Carantec - Joseph Cloarec

Waszp - Large Sail 8.2 - Junior - ITA 2619 - FEDERICO QUARANTA

Witnesses: Will Davies

Interpreters: Joseph Lamlor FRA. Francesco De Fellce ITA.

#### **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. Joseph Lamlor attended the hearing as translator for FRA.
- 2. Francesco De Fellce attended the hearing as translator for ITA.
- 3. The protest committee decided that it may have made a significant error and reopened on its own the hearing on 14.7.2022 in accordance with RRS 66.1. The parties were not present. The parties were informed of the revised decision.

## **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. Both boats were sailing downwind. Wind was 10-15 kts.
- 2. Both boats were foiling
- 3. FRA was sailing on starboard tack and had been since rounding the windward gate
- 4. ITA, approaching the shore on starboard, gybed onto port. The distance between the boats was approximately 15-20 boat lengths.
- 5. As the boats became closer together ITA began to bare away. FRA's course did not change
- 6. ITA on a course approximately 170 degrees TWD began to gybe onto starboard as FRA approached
- 7. FRA bore away
- 8. ITA capsized through the exit of the gybe
- 9. FRA made contact with the mainsail of ITA and then also capsized
- 10. The mainsail of ITA was ripped from leach to luff at approximately the 2nd batten from the top.
- 11. The mainsail of FRA also had significant damage
- 12. Both boats retired from race 1
- 13. FRA returned to shore and changed her sail
- 14. FRA DNC in race 2.
- 15. FRA sailed in races 3 and 4.
- 16. ITA DNC in the remaining races of the day (3&4).

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

# **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: RRS 10, 14, 62.1(b), 66.1, WS Case 116

- 1. ITA on port failed to keep clear of FRA on starboard, and broke RRS 10 and RRS 14
- 2. It was not reasonably possible for FRA, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with ITA when it was clear that ITA was

- not keeping clear. FRA did not break RRS 14.
- 3. FRA's score in race's 1 and 2 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by physical damage because of the action of ITA that was breaking RRS 10 and 14.

**DECISION** Date & Time: 2022-07-13 18:24 CEST

- 1. Protest Upheld. ITA took the applicable penalty and is not further penalized.
- 2. Redress is given to FRA. FRA is to be scored in races 1 and 2 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all races in the qualifying series, except races 1 and 2, provided at least one race is sailed on 14/7/22. No other boat's score shall change.

#### PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Václav Brabec (CZE)

Committee Members: Will Davies (GBR), Nick Devereux (GBR)

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