

DECISION

Request No.: 09

Protest

Event: RS Aero World Championship Race Number: 10
Hearing Schedule: 2023-07-30 16:55

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 09: RS Aero 7 - SWE 2314 - Erik Wahlberg
RS Aero 7 - AUS 4479 - Ian Young

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

AUS 4479 did not attend to the hearing, PC proceed under RRS 63.3(b).

FACTS FOUND

1. wind was around 9 knots and sea state was short chop.
2. SWE was approaching the windward mark of the second beat on starboard tack,
3. AUS was approaching the same mark on port tack.
4. Both boats were in the zone of the windward mark.
5. AUS luffed, slowed down and passed head to wind.
6. Distance between boats when AUS passed head to wind was 2 meters (bow of SWE vs starboard side of AUS).
7. SWE luffed up 25 degree.
8. Distance between boats (side by side) was, at that stage, 40 cm.
9. AUS bore away on a close hauled course and rounded the mark.
10. SWE bore away on close hauled course as well and rounded the mark behind AUS.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 13, 63.3(b).

AUS, on port tack, passed head to wind (onto starboard tack) and before she sailed on a close halued course, forced SWE to change course sharply therefore AUS failed to keep clear of SWE as required by RRS 13.

DECISION

AUS is to be scored DSQ in race #10.

Date & Time: 2023-07-30 17:17 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee

Chaired By: Marco Giampà (ITA)

Committee Members: Sian Reynolds (GBR), Marco Sarcoli (ITA)