

DECISION

Protest by PC

Request No.: 03

Event: Malta Sailing Federation Dinghy Nationals 2023 Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2023-11-04

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: Protest Committee

Optimist Cadet (8-11 years) - MLT161 - Nathan Montebello

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Hearing No 3 was heard together with Hearing No. 1 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.

FACTS FOUND

On a beat and to windward MLT161 entered the zone clear ahead of MLT 183

MLT 161 luffed above close hauled to fetch the mark but failed and touched the mark.

MLT 183 luffed to avoid MLT161 and they both got stuck head to wind and drifted back.

MLT 161 and MLT 183 tacked onto port and then back onto starboard.

MLT 161 inside boat and overlapped to leeward luffed again to fetch the mark and whilst rounding it made contact with the mark before clearing it.

MLT183 luffed and then tacked onto port to keep clear of MLT161 and to round the mark

MLT183 on port tack met MLT 173 coming in on the layline on starboard tack and fetching the mark

MLT 183 tacked back onto starboard to avoid MLT 173 and became overlapped to leeward.

MLT 173 on starboard tack since entering the zone luffed above close hauled to avoid contact with MLT 183

MLT 173 sailed past close haul MLT 183 and the mark without making any contact.

MLT 183 touched the mark whilst rounding it.

MLT183 and MLT161 both took a one turn penalty.

There was no contact between any of the boats during the rounding

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 18.2b, 18.3, 10, 31

MLT 161 whilst sailing within mark room to which she was entitled touched the mark and broke rule 31. She took a penalty turn and is exonerated.

MLT 183 tacked from port onto starboard inside the zone and caused MLT173 on starboard tack close haul since entering the zone to sail above close hauled thus breaking rule 18.3.

MLT 183 touched the mark and broke rule 31.

MLT 183 took a one turn penalty for touching the mark and is exonerated for breaking rule 31

MLT 183 did not take a penalty for breaking rule 18.3

DECISION

Date & Time: 20232-11-04 11:20 CET

MLT 183 is disqualified.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee

Chaired By: Torben Precht-Jensen (DEN)

Committee Members: David Dalli (MLT) Adrian Gauci Borda

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