

DECISION

Request No.: 04

Protest

Event: 2023 Mirror World Championships Race Number: 6
Hearing Schedule: 2023-07-27

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 04: IRL 70646 - ready or knot - Jessica Greer

IRL 70634 - Blue Steel - David Evans

Witnesses: Jury Charlotte Greppe

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

case 3 and 4 heard together

FACTS FOUND

Approaching the leeward mark race 6 on downwind leg

8-10 knts

70646 on starboard tack on collision course with 70634 and 70600 on port tack both overlapped

70646 reaches the zone overlapped with 70634 and 70600 both on port tack

70646 gybes to round the mark inside, 70634 at the middle and 70600 outside.

Contact occurs among three boats with damage on 70646 (less than 1 cm gelcoat scratch)

70600 takes a 2 turns penalty below the mark.

70634 takes a 1.5 turns penalty after the mark rounding during the beat (2 tacks and one gybe)

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 14, 18.2(b), 43, 44.1

70600 outside overlapped at the zone failed to give 70646 and 70634 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).

70634 outside overlapped at the zone failed to give 70646 mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).

70634 and 70600 could not avoid contact, and broke RRS 14.

It was not reasonably possible for 70646, the boat sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled, to avoid contact with 70634 and 70600 when it was clear that 70634 and 70600 were not giving her mark-room. 70646 did not break RRS 14.

70634 was compelled to break RRS 18.2(b) as a consequence of 70600 breaking RRS 18.2(b), and is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a) for this breach.

70600 took an appropriate penalty according RRS 44.1.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2023-07-27 18:40 UTC

Protest upheld. 70600 took the applicable penalty and is no further penalty is imposed.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: International Jury

Chaired By: Rienko DeKraker (NED)

Committee Members: Charlotte Greppe (SWE), Patricia O'Donnell (USA), Romain Gautier (FRA), Sture Christenson (SWE)