

# DECISION

Protest by PC

Request No.: 12

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 11

Event: 2023 RS500 World Championship Race Number: 6  
Hearing Schedule: 2023-07-28

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 12:** Protest Committee

RS 500 - EST 1616 - Oleg Egipte

**Request No.: 11:** RS 500 - NED 972 - Jesper Overbeeke

RS 500 - GBR 1756 - Stephen Cockerill

**Witnesses:** NED 518 FLEUR LEIJS

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** N/A

**Red Flag Displayed:** N/A

**Decision:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. The IJ protested EST 1616 under RRS 60.3(a)(2).
2. The previous hearing was closed and the original case#11 and the new protest#12 are heard together under RRS 61.1(c).

## FACTS FOUND

1. Wind speed 20 kn, low choppy, 2nd leeward leg of race 6.
2. NED on stb tack and GBR on port tack were running on collision courses.
3. EST on port was 2 boat lengths to windward of GBR.
4. When GBR was approximately 1 m. apart from NED, GBR luffed sharply, NED bore away and her crew, hiking at the trapeze at that moment, moved inside the boat.
5. At the moment of the incident, EST luffed slightly and the gap between EST and GBR was not less than 1 boat length.
6. GBR crossed less than 1 m. astern of NED.
7. No contact. No boat took a penalty-turn.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 10, RRS 19.2(b).

1.
  1. GBR on port failed to keep clear of NED on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
  2. See WS Case 88 - a boat may avoid contact and yet fail to keep clear.
2. EST, the outside boat at an obstruction, gave GBR room to pass between her and the obstruction. EST complied with RRS 19.2(b).

## DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2023-07-28 10:35 CEST

1. GBR 1756 is DSQ in race 6.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Committee Type** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Holger Herburger (GER)

**Committee Members:** Radim Vasik (CZE), Pavel Muroň (CZE), Giorgio Bolla (ITA), Anastasios Fotis (GRE)