

# DECISION

Request No.: 01

## Protest

Event: Cascais 2022 Snipe World Championship Race Number: 2  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-21 17:55

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Snipe - CHI 29910 - Juan Sanchez  
Snipe - BRA 31613 - Victor Hector Demaison

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Hearing started under RRS 63.3 (b) with the absence of the protestee, who later attended after the testimony of the protestor.
2. Luis Soubie (Snipe Class Commodore) attended as observer.
3. Juan Sanchez represented CHI 29910.
4. Victor Hector Demaison represented BRA 31613.

### FACTS FOUND

1. Race 2, 15 knots of wind, choppy water.
2. CHI 29910 and BRA 31613 were sailing upwind on opposite tacks on a collision course.
3. CHI 29910 was sailing on starboard tack, BRA 31613 on port tack.
4. CHI 29910 continued to sail her course and was crossing ahead of BRA 31613, when BRA 31613 bore away slightly and hit CHI 29910 port transom with her bow.
5. Neither boat took a penalty.
6. The contact caused the fiber of CHI 29910 port side of the hull to crack and the bottom side of the bow of BRA 31613 also to crack.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 10; 14; 2

1. BRA 31613 failed to keep clear of CHI 29910 and broke RRS 10.
2. BRA 31613 also failed to avoid the contact with CHI 29910 and broke RRS 14.
3. When it was clear that BRA 31613 was not keeping clear, it was not reasonably possible for CHI 29910 to avoid contact. Therefore, CHI 29910 did not break RRS 14.
4. By knowingly breaking a RRS 10 and 14 and not taking the appropriate penalty, BRA 31613 failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play, and broke RRS 2.

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2022-08-21 18:45 WEST

1. BRA 31613 is DNE in Race 2.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** César Sans (ESP)

