

# DECISION

Request No.: 01

Protest by RC

Event: CORK RRS.org testing regatta Race Number: 1  
Hearing Date: 2020-11-24

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Race Committee

Laser - GBR 216209 - Lizzie's Boat - Steve Brunsten

## VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed At the finish line.

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

## FACTS FOUND

1. Following the fourth general recall to the start of race 1, GBR 216209 sailed past the R/C Signal Boat and asked in a loud, sarcastic tone, "If you squared the line we might have a race before sunset."
2. The volunteer members on the R/C Signal Boat agreed that they had been offended by the boat's actions.
3. During the hearing GBR 216209 expressed regret that his statement had been taken as offensive. He admitted that "we might have a race before sunset" was meant as sarcasm and apologized for making it. He said he spoke in a loud voice hoping that he could be heard over the ambient noise.
4. The wind was 6 knots.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

While GBR 216209 actions were disgraceful and unfortunate, they did not raise to the level of breaking "recognized principles of sportsmanship".

No rule was broken.

## DECISION

The protest is dismissed

Date & Time: 2020-11-25 17:43 EST

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Paul Brennan (CAN)

Committee Members: Pat Healy (USA), Michael Turner (CAN)

Written Decision Requested By: PRO. 2020-11-25