

DECISION

Request No.: 13

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 49er, 49erFX and Nacra17 European Championships 2021 Race Number: 10
Hearing Schedule: 2021-09-17 19:40

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 13: Nacra 17 - SWE 436 - Ida Svensson

Nacra 17 - FRA 529 - Margaux BILLY - Léo MAURIN

Witnesses: Marcus Dackhammar (SWE 436's crew); Jesper Stalheim (SWE 436's coach); Margaux BILLY (FRA 529's helm)

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

FACTS FOUND

1. First upwind of race 10, wind: 8 knots.
2. SWE 436 was sailing close-hauled, on starboard tack.
3. FRA 529 was sailing below close-hauled on port tack, on a course to pass behind SWE 436.
4. SWE 436's port trapeze was not attached to its bungee cord. The crew of SWE 436 was unaware of this.
5. When the boats were half a boat length apart, FRA 529 saw that SWE 436's port trapeze was loose, bore away sharply and passed half a meter behind SWE 436.
6. There was contact between FRA 529's port hull and SWE 436's port trapeze hook, with no damage.
7. Neither boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14, 62.1; WS Case 77

1. FRA 529 on port kept clear of SWE 346 on starboard, as required by RRS 10.
2. It was not reasonably possible for FRA 529 and SWE 346 to avoid contact and they did not break RRS 14.
3. The requirements for redress in RRS 62.1 are not met.

DECISION

The protest is dismissed.
Redress is not given.

Date & Time: 2021-09-17 20:29 EEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jon Napier (GBR)

Committee Members: Yoann Peronneau (FRA), Ilca Heinrich (GER)