DECISION

Protest / Request Number: 31

Protest by Boat(s)

Event: 29er World Championship Race Number: 6

Hearing Date: 2016/07/29

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Parties Protesting: FRA 2333 - Tim Parey
Parties Being Protested: ESP 2170 - Pep Costa

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

DECISION: Protest Valid

FACTS FOUND

- 1. FRA 2333 rounded the leeward gate on port tack, clear ahead of ESP 2170, also on port tack, just before the finish in race F6.
- 2. ESP 2170 ran onto the hull of FRA 2333, causing FRA 2333 to capsize.
- 3. The contact resulted in no damage.
- 4. The helm of FRA 2333 got separated from the boat, the crew stayed on the centerboard.
- 5. The helm was taken out of the water by a jury boat after all boats racing rounded the gate and brought back to the boat.
- 6. The crew hurt his back but FRA 2333 finished the race as the last boat, and also sailed the next race without problem.
- 7. ESP 2170 completed a One-Turn Penalty just after the incident.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

- 1. ESP 2170 failed to keep clear of FRA 2333 and broke RRS 12.
- 2. By not avoiding contact, ESP 2170 also broke RRS 14.
- 3. It was not reasonably possible for FRA 2333 to avoid contact, therefore she did not break RRS 14.
- 4. ESP 2170 took an appropriate penalty under RRS 44.
- 5. The helm of FRA 2333 was in danger when receiving outside help, therefore FRA 2333 did not break RRS 41.
- 6. The score of FRA 2333 was not made significantly worse by an injury caused by the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2.

DECISION - Protest Upheld

No further penalties imposed.

Redress denied.

Date and Time: 2016/07/29 18:55 CEST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired by:

Committee Members: Bence Borocz (HUN), Uras Claudio (ITA), Sylvie Harle (FRA), Anne Kaalstad (NOR)

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