

Hearing Decision



2022 SB20 Worlds

Case Number
1

With Case
4

Race Number
2

Hearing Status
Closed

Type of Hearing

Protest - an allegation that one or more boats broke a rule

Request for redress

Valid
yes

Date of Race
06/09

Received Time
17:12:32

PARTIES

Class/Fleet	Fleet	Boat or Committee or Person	Represented By/Not Present
SB20	Single	UAE 3727 (33)	Rachel Blackburn
SB20	Single	IRL 3809 (21)	Michael O'Connor

Witnesses

Name	Boat - Committee - Role
Ed Cook	IRL 3809
David Taylor	IRL 3809
John Blackburn	UAE 3727

Case Summary:

Windward / Leeward contact at the start with damage.

Procedural Matters:

UAE 3727 (33) represented by Rachel Blackburn.

IRL 3809 (21) represented by Michael O'Connor.

Facts Found:

1. Wind 18-20kts and 1 metre waves.
2. About 20 seconds to the start signal of race #2, the UAE 3727 was clear astern of IRL 3809, both on starboard tack.
3. At 15 seconds to the starting signal UAE 3727 became overlapped to leeward of IRL 3809 with a separation of less than 0.5 metres.
4. At that moment IRL 3809 luffed and there was immediately contact with damage between the port aft corner of IRL 3809 and the bow starboard quarter of UAE 3727.
5. UAE 3727 retired from race #2 and did not sail race #3.
6. IRL 3809 finished race #2.
7. Damage in UAE 3727 is a 5 centimetre hole on the waterline approx. 30 centimetres forward of the mast.

Conclusion & Rules:

- 1. When acquiring right of way through her own actions, UAE 3727 failed to initially give IRL 3809 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15.
- 2. IRL 3809 the windward boat broke RRS 11 by not keeping clear.
- 3. UAE 3727 the right-of-way boat did not act to avoid contact with IRL 3809 when it was reasonably possible. UAE 3727 broke RRS 14.
- 4. Since IRL 3809 broke RRS 11 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.
- 5. It was not reasonable possible for IRL 3809 the boat that was sailing withing the room that she was entitled, to avoid contact with UAE 3727. IRL 3809 did not break RRS 14.
- 6. By retiring UAE 3727 took an appropariate penalty.
- 7. UAE 3727's place in race #2 and #3 was made significantly worse through her own fault. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1 are not met.

Decision:

- 1. Protest upheld, no further penalty.
- 2. Redress not given.

Short Decision:	Decision Date	Decision Time
Protest upheld, no further penalty. Redress not given.	08/09	20:32:07
Panel Chair	Panel Members	
Heiko Thölmann	David Battye, Gonzalo Heredia, Jose Pico, Michael Tyrrell	