

J/80 Worlds 2021

Case Details

As of 9 JUL 2021 At 18:40

PROTEST - DECISION

CASE No. 13

Event: J/80	Race: 13
Protestor: ESP 1192	Protestee: ESP 1524
Witness: Leonardo Armas	

Procedural Matters:

Case 13 and 14 were held together under RRS 63.2.

Video evidence was presented by ESP 1192.

Incident description: RRS 11

Schedules:

Submitted: 9 JUL 15:26 Protest time limit: 15:53 Hearing scheduled: 9 JUL 15:45

Facts found:

Race 13, 5 knots boat speed.

ESP 1524 and ESP 1192 were sailing downwind on starboard tack, overlapped, towards mark 2P.

ESP 1192 was sailing slightly ahead and to leeward of ESP 1524, with a BEL boat in between.

ESP 1192 gybed to port, luffed to duck BEL and established a collision course with ESP 1524.

ESP 1524 gybed to port to windward of ESP 1192 and both boats entered the zone of mark 2P overlapped, ESP 1524 being inside.

After rounding the mark and with a distance of 1 meter in between, ESP 1192 luffed slowly and shrank the gap.

Then ESP 1192 luffed again slowly and ESP 1524 did not respond.

A contact occurred between her bowsprit and the stern of ESP 1524.

The contact did not cause damage or injury.

Neither boat took a penalty.

Conclusion:

ESP 1524 failed to keep clear of ESP 1192 and broke RRS 11.

ESP 1524 also failed to avoid a contact with ESP 1192 and broke RRS 14.

When it was clear that ESP 1524 was not keeping clear, it was reasonably possible for ESP 1192 to avoid a contact. Therefore, she broke RRS 14. However, because the contact did not cause any damage or injury and she was the right of way boat, ESP 1192 is exonerated under RRS 43.1c.

Rule(s) applicable:

RRS 11, RRS 14, RRS 43.1c

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Jury:

Bruce Cook, Anders Rudlöv, Jesper Wilken, Manuel Ken Gamito, Sven Solgaard Andersen

Signed: _____ Date: 9 JUL 2021 Time: 17:28

Bruce Cook