

Hearing Decision



2022 iQFOIL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Case Number
21

With Case
21, 24, 30, 31

Race Number
4

Hearing Status
Closed

Type of Hearing

Request for redress

Valid
yes

Date of Race
18/05

Received Time
15:05:03

PARTIES

Class/Fleet	Fleet	Boat or Committee or Person	Represented By/Not Present
IQFOIL MEN	Yellow	JPN 60	Tomonori Anami
IQFOIL MEN	Yellow	ESP 502	Santiago Costa Hoevel

Witnesses

Name	Boat - Committee - Role
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Case Summary:

Procedural Matters:

Cases 21, 24, 30, 31 were heard together as they refer to the same incident.

Facts Found:

1. 15 knots wind speed, flat water.
2. ESP, JPN, ISR and USA were sailing on starboard tack towards the starting line to start.
3. ESP, close to the RC boat, was clear ahead and slightly to leeward of JPN, and JPN was clear ahead and slightly to leeward of USA.
4. ESP was sailing clear ahead and slightly to windward of ISR and ISR was overlapped slightly ahead to leeward of JPN.
5. ISR established an overlap from clear astern to leeward of ESP and immediately after, a contact occurred between the mast of ISR and the boom of ESP, causing ESP to luff and stop abruptly.
6. Due to the contact, ESP's sail fell to windward and towards JPN.
7. Following the contact, JPN's sail also fell to windward and towards USA.
8. ESP, JPN and USA capsized at the start.
9. The contact did not cause any damage.
10. Neither board took a penalty.

Conclusion & Rules:

1. When ISR acquired right of way by being leeward of ESP, initially failed to give room to ESP and broke RRS 15.
2. ISR also broke RRS 14 by not avoiding contact with ESP.
3. When it was clear that ISR was not giving room, it was not reasonably possible for ESP to avoid contact with ISR and JPN. Therefore ESP does break RRS 14.
4. It was not reasonably possible for JPN to avoid contact with ESP and USA. Therefore JPN does break RRS 14.
5. It was not reasonably possible for USA to avoid contact with JPN. Therefore JPN does break RRS 14.
6. The score of ESP, JPN and USA was made significantly worse by the action of ISR breaking a RRS of Part 2 and being penalized. Therefore, ESP, JPN and USA are entitled to redress.

Decision:

1. ISR is DSQ in Race 8.
2. Redress is given to ESP, JPN and USA for Race 8 as average points of today as per RRS A9(a) of all races sailed today (18th of May).

Short Decision:

ISR is DSQ in Race 8.
Redress is given to ESP, JPN, USA in Race 8.

Decision Date

18/05

Decision Time

18:28:28

Panel Chair

Anna Cuccia

Panel Members

Ron Barak, Michael Butterfield, Manuel Gamito, Walter Mielke