

Hearing Decision



2023 ILCA 4 Youth World Championship

Case Number
21

With Case

Race Number
4

Hearing Status
Closed

Type of Hearing

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

Valid

Date of Race
27/07

Received Time
17:34:37

PARTIES

Class/Fleet	Fleet	Boat or Committee or Person	Represented By/Not Present
ILCA 4 GIRLS	Blue	USA 217517	Madison Mansour (helm)
ILCA 4 GIRLS	Blue	MKD 207329	Evgenija Stavreva (helm)

Witnesses

Name	Boat - Committee - Role
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Case Summary:

Port / Starboard incident before the starting signal, with contact and injury.

Procedural Matters:

1. Melina Gkari (volunteer), Marios Zisimatos and Christos Theodosis (jury members) attended the hearing as observers.
2. USA 217517 stated during the hearing that she does not seek redress.
3. USA 217517 failed to deliver the protest within the protest time limit, as required by RRS 61.3. However, there is good reason for the International Jury to extend the time limit under RRS 61.3 because after coming ashore, USA 217517 went to the medical tent.

Facts Found:

1. Wind about 15 knots, sea state choppy at the time of the incident.
2. About 1:30 minutes before the starting signal of race 4, USA 217517 was on starboard tack almost stationary.
3. MKD 207329 was sailing by the lee on port-tack on a collision course with USA 217517.
4. MKD 207329 was hit by a gust and lost control of the boat.
5. USA 217517 bore away slightly.
5. Immediately after, there was contact between the bow of MKD 207329 and the starboard side of USA 217517, amidships.
6. There was damage and injury to USA 217517: a 2 cm crack on the surface of her hull and a bruised hip.
7. MKD 207329 retired from race 4.
8. USA 217517 started and finished race 4.

Conclusion & Rules:

1. MKD 207329 on port failed to keep clear of USA 217517 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.
2. MKD 207329 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for USA 217517, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with MKD 207329 when it was clear that MKD 207329 was not keeping clear. USA 217517 did not break RRS 14.
4. By retiring promptly from the race, MKD 207329 took an appropriate penalty as required by RRS 44.1(b).

Decision:

The protest is upheld. Since MKD 207329 took an applicable penalty and is not further penalized.

Short Decision:

MKD 207329 on port did not keep clear and retired from Race 4.

Decision Date

30/07

Decision Time

18:40

Panel Chair

Richard Geake-Ransome

Panel Members

Myrto Antonopoulou, Doug Elder, Anastazja Lewandowska, Alina Stratigiou