



## PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 2

With Case(s):

Race: 2

### PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Event	Represented By/Not Present
FRA 2268	Dart 18 world championship	PEDRO Valentine
BEL 7424	Dart 18 world championship	CHAUVET Luc

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role

**Valid – Yes/No** (if 'No' use Facts Found to document this decision)

**Case Summary:** (type of Hearing and just brief introduction to help the reader)

Protest hearing alleging a breach of rule 10 and 14.

**Procedural Matters,** (Conflicts of Interest,, parties not present, extending time limits)

Two judges were online Myrto Antonopoulou, Frank Brinker.

The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.2.

**Facts found:**

- 1-Wind 5 kts, flat sea.
- 2-Race 2, a few seconds after the start.
- 3-BEL 7424, on port tack and unidentified boat to leeward.
- 4-FRA 2268 on starboard tack, BEL 7424 on port tack on convergent course.
- 5-Both BEL 7424 and the unidentified boat bore away to pass astern of FRA 2268, and there was contact between the port bow of BEL 7424 and the port stern of FRA 2268.
- 6-When there was contact between the BEL 7424 and FRA 2268, there was one boat length clearance between BEL 7424 and the unidentified boat to leeward.
- 7-There were scratches to the gel coat on FRA 2268 and two indentations on the port bow of BEL 7424.
- 8-BEL 7424 sailed clear and took a penalty after the collision.
- 9-The two boats completed the race, the BEL 7424 did not take water into the port hull.

**Conclusion & Rules:**

- 1-FRA 2268 close hauled on starboard was the right of way boat, RRS 10, and an obstruction to BEL and the unidentified boat, RRS 19.1.
- 2-The unidentified boat gave room to BEL 7424 in accordance to RRS 19.2(b).
- 3-BEL 7424 on port tack failed to keep clear of FRA 2268 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10. BEL 7424 is not exonerated for this breach as she was not sailing within the room to which she was entitled under RRS 19.2(b).

4-BEL 7424 did not avoid contact with FRA 2268 even though it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14(a).

5-It was not reasonably possible for FRA 2268 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with BEL 7424 when it became clear that BEL 7468 was not keeping clear. FRA 6812 did not break RRS 14(a).

6-BEL 7424 took a one turn penalty as required by RRS 44.1 and SI 15.1.

7-BEL 7424 took the appropriate penalty and cannot be penalized further as there was no serious damage or injury.

**Decision:**

The protest is upheld. Since BEL 7468 took an applicable penalty, she is not further penalized under RRS 60.5(c)(2).

**Protest Committee:**

International Jury: Yes/No

Chris Watts GBR IJ (Chair), Yves Leglise FRA IJ, Myrto Antonopoulou GRE IJ, Frank Brinkers GER IJ, Bruno Le Maître FRA NJ (secretary).

**Signed:** C. WATTS

Date, time: 05/07/2026 at 09:15 pm