

DECISION

Protest

Request Number: 7

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 8

Event: Alcatel J/70 World Championship **Race Number:** 3
Hearing Date: 2016-09-28

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: J70 USA 353 Heartbreaker (Mike Buckley)

Respondent(s): J70 USA 96 Savasana (Stuart McNay) and J70 USA 240 Stampede (Nathan Wilmot)

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. On the first windward leg of Race 3, USA 353 was approaching the windward mark on the starboard tack layline, in a pack of other starboard tack boats.
2. USA 240 and USA 96 were approaching the mark from the port layline USA 240 to windward and astern of USA 96.
3. USA 96 completed her tack to starboard in the zone and ahead of USA 94.
4. USA 240 began a tack to starboard to leeward and beneath the layline, failing to get to a close hauled course before striking the windward mark.
5. USA 96 then luffed and USA 94 also luffed, each of them above close hauled.
6. USA 240 took a one-turn penalty for striking the windward mark. No other boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. USA 240 by tacking in the zone of the windward Mark, broke RRS 18.3
2. USA 240 failed to complete her tack before causing USA 96 to take avoiding action and broke RRS 13
3. USA 96 in avoiding the tacking USA 240 caused USA 94 to sail above close hauled but shall be exonerated under RRS 64.1(a)

DECISION

Protest Upheld

USA 240 shall be scored DSQ for Race 3.

Date & Time: 2016-09-28 22:11 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Glenn Oliver (USA)

Committee Members: Luca Babini (ITA), Grant Baldwin (USA), Thorsten Doebbeler (GER), Warren Nethercote (CAN), Glenn Oliver (USA)

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